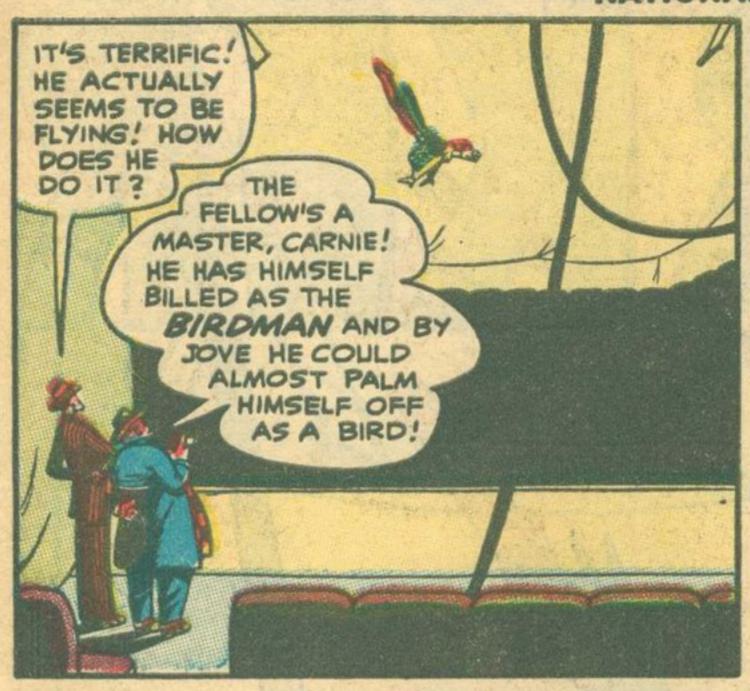


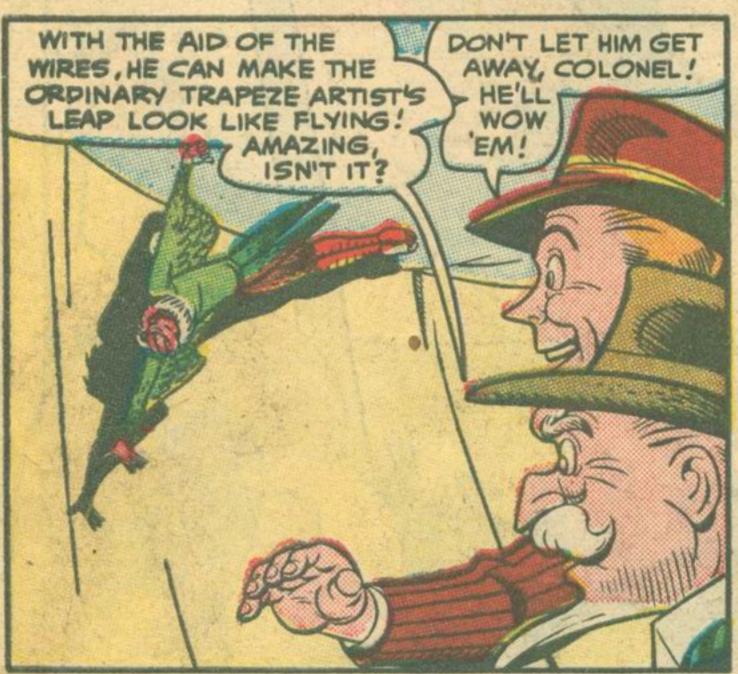
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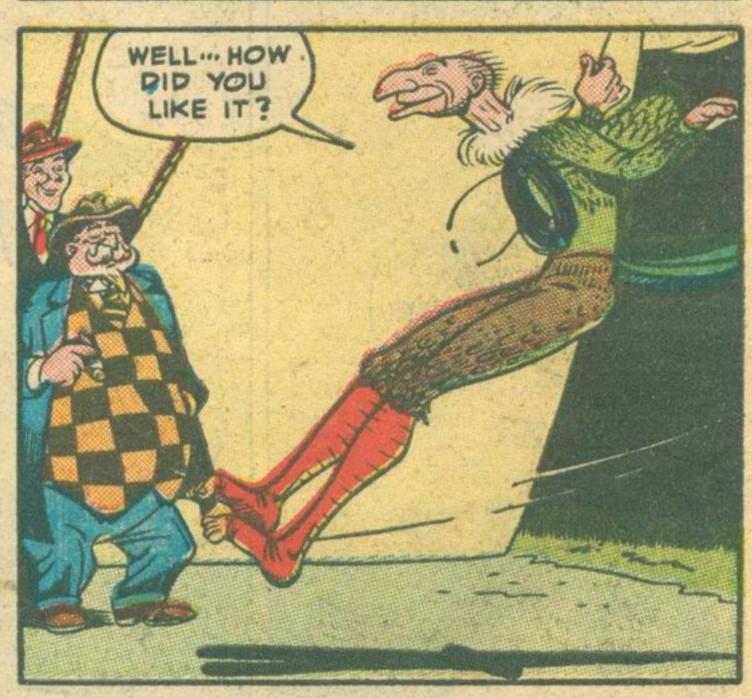


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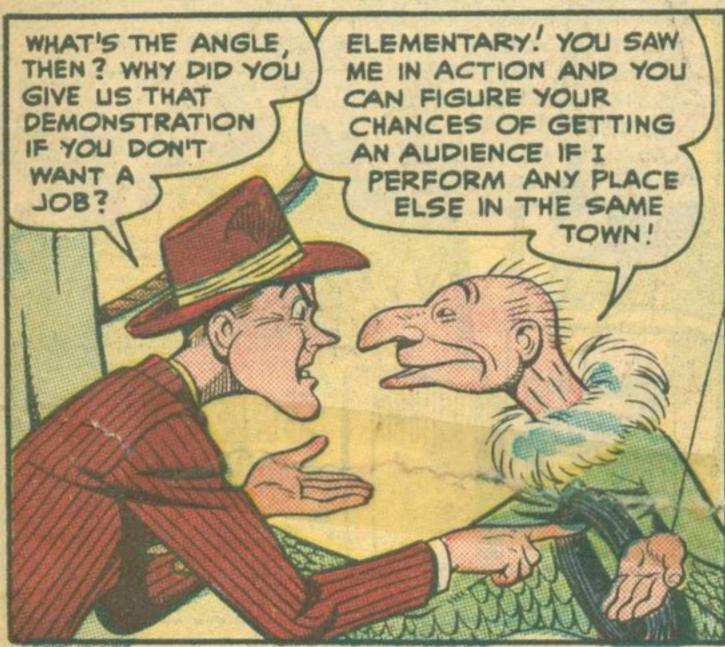






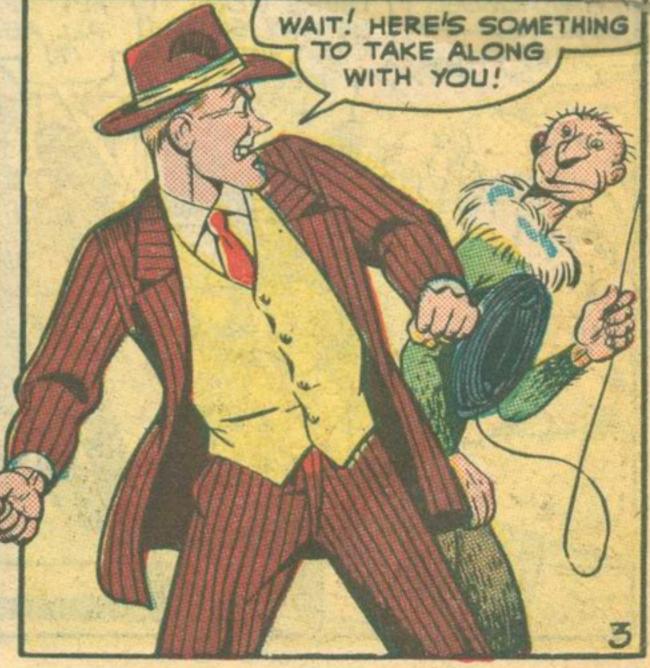








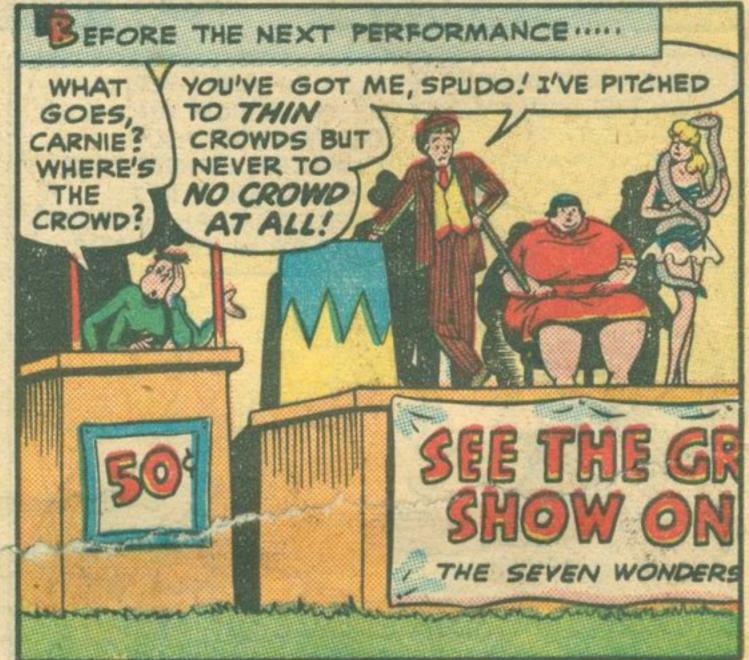


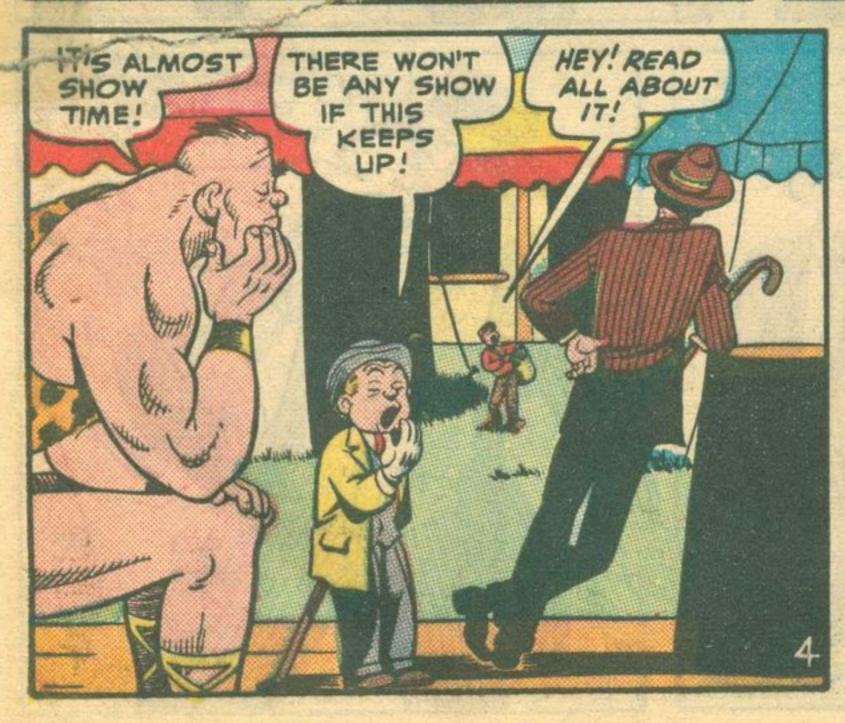




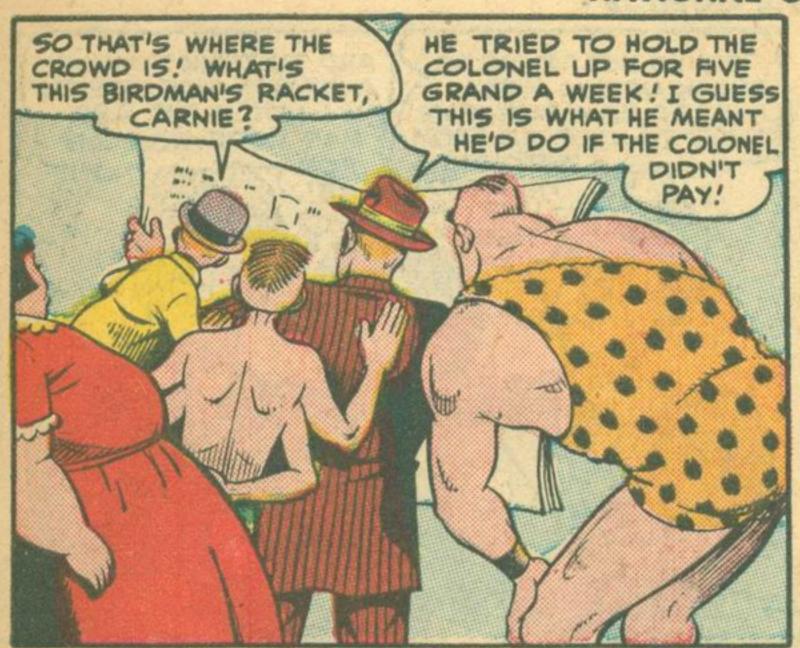






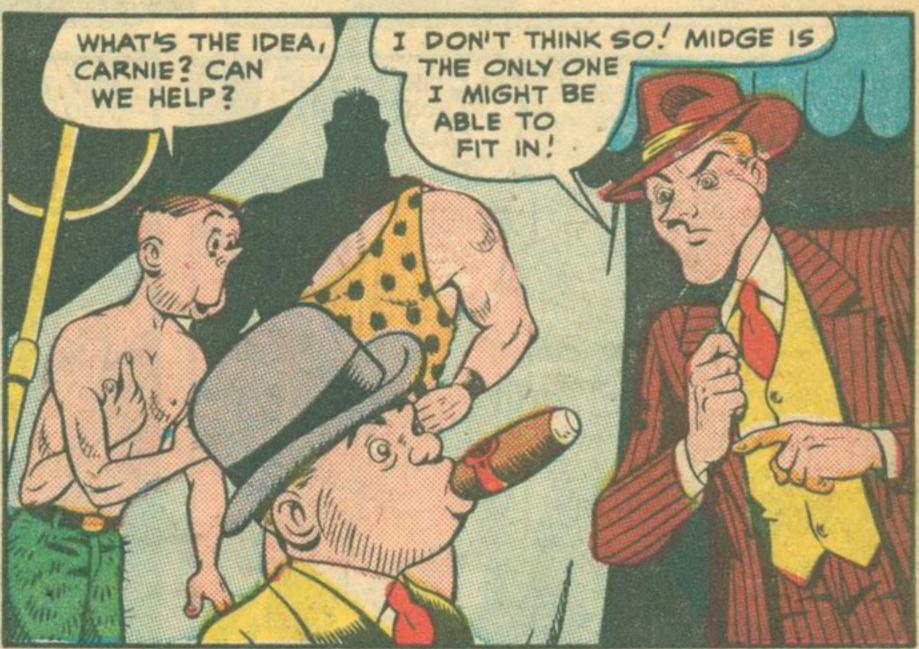




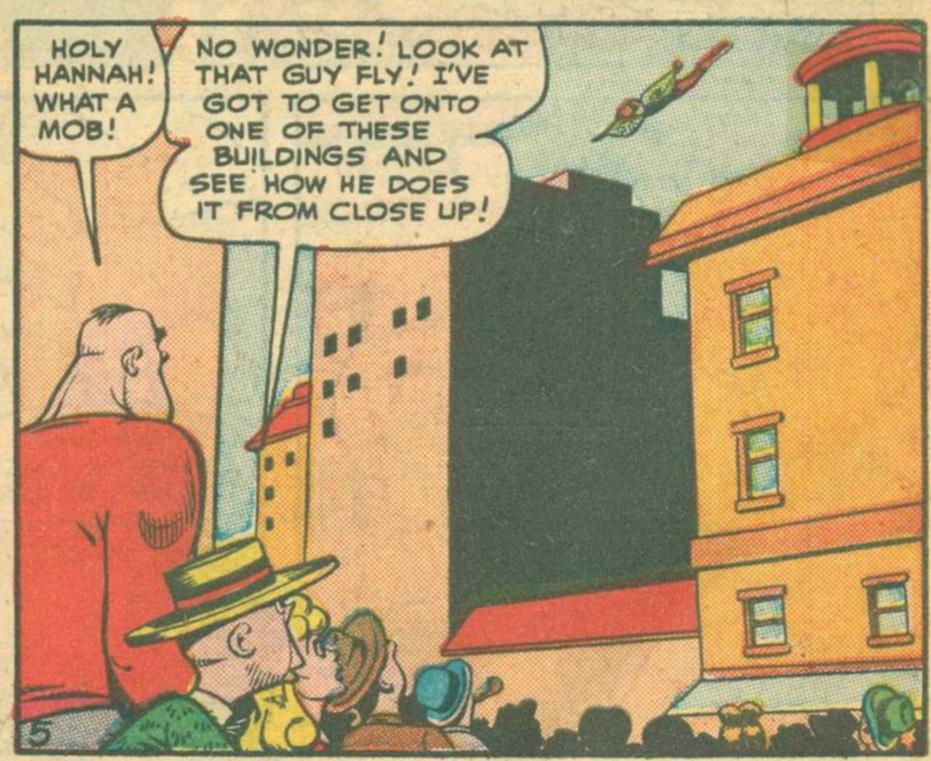








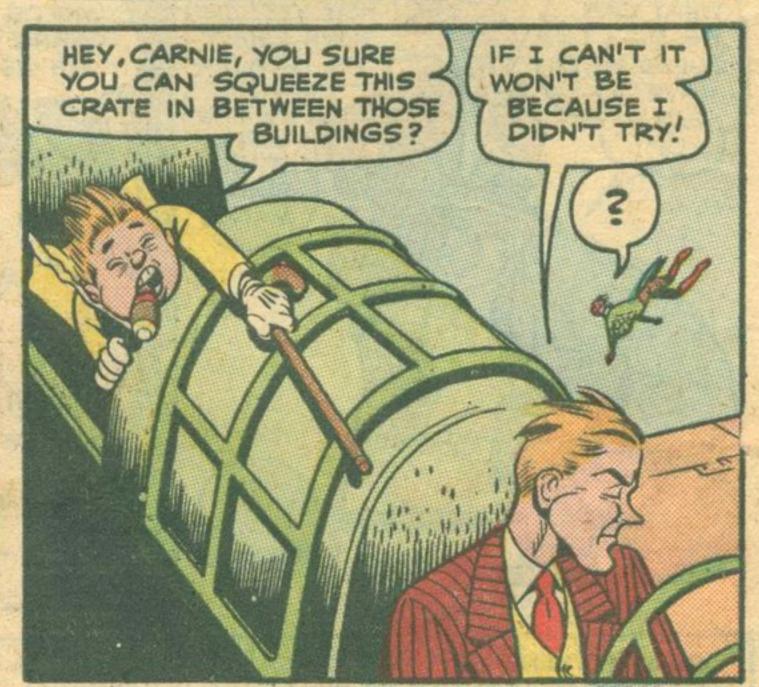






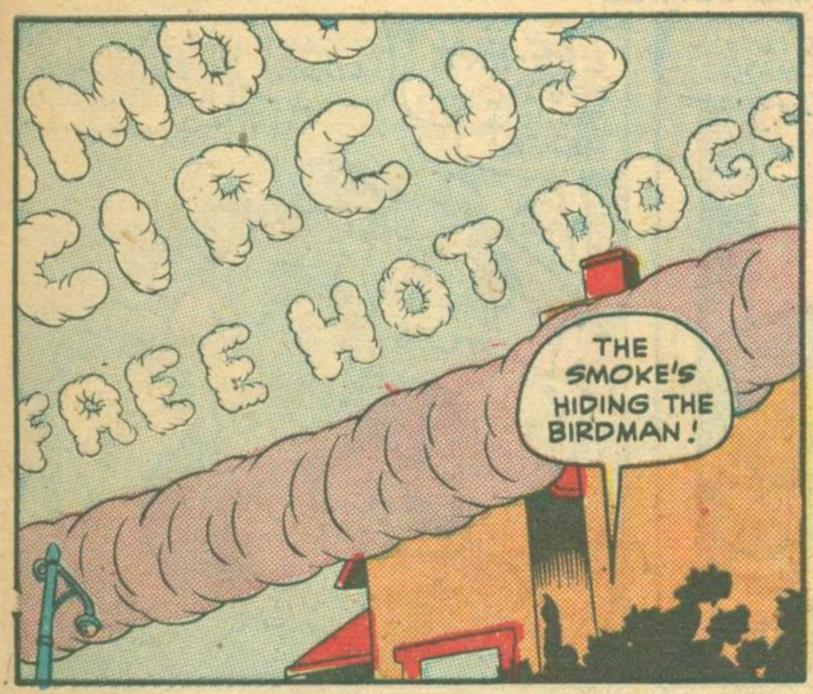








































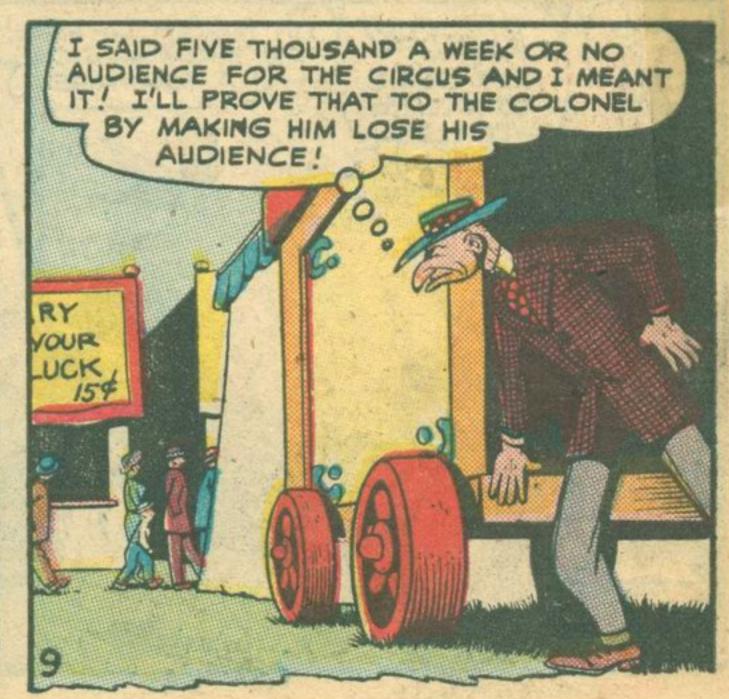










































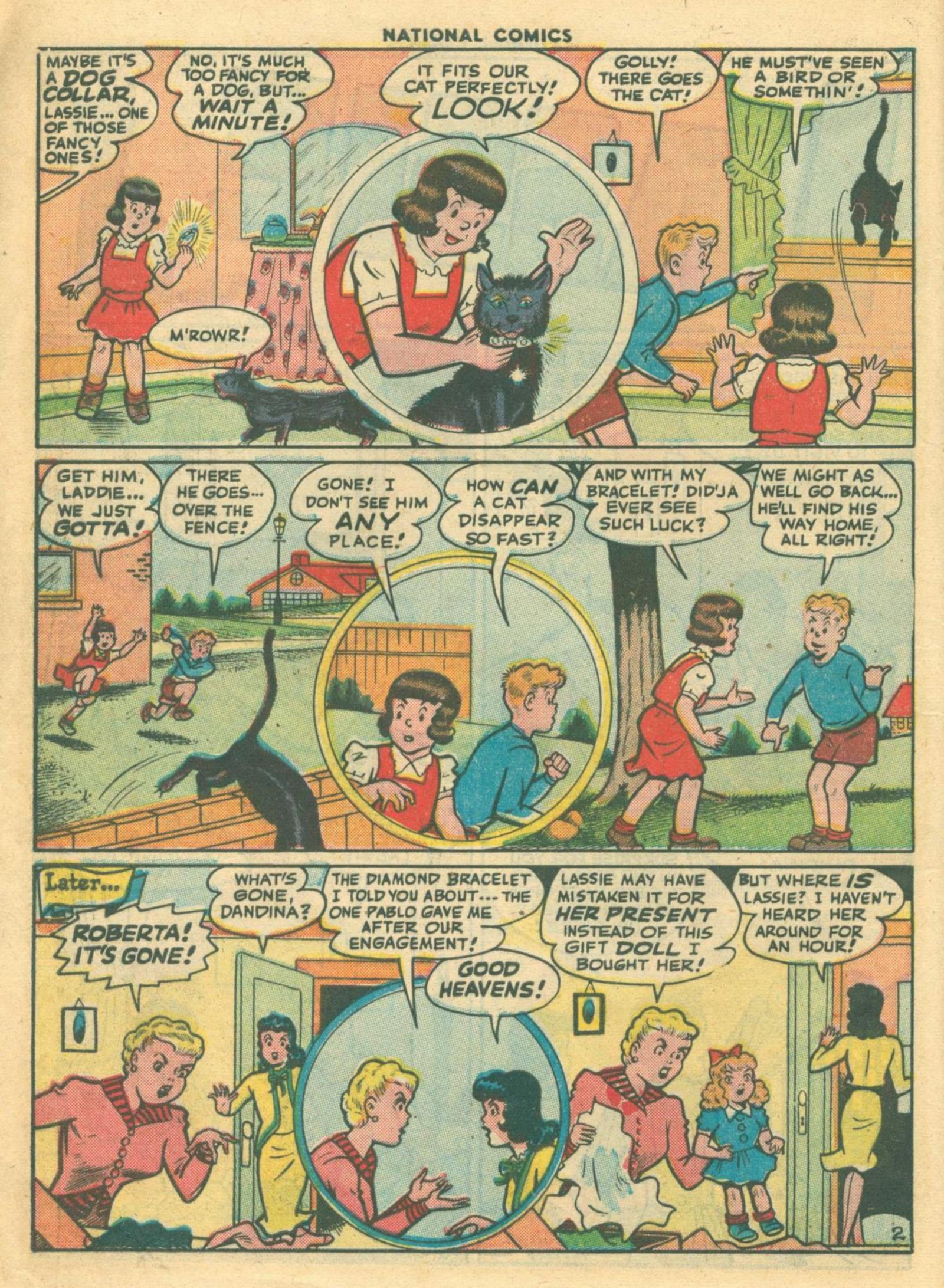




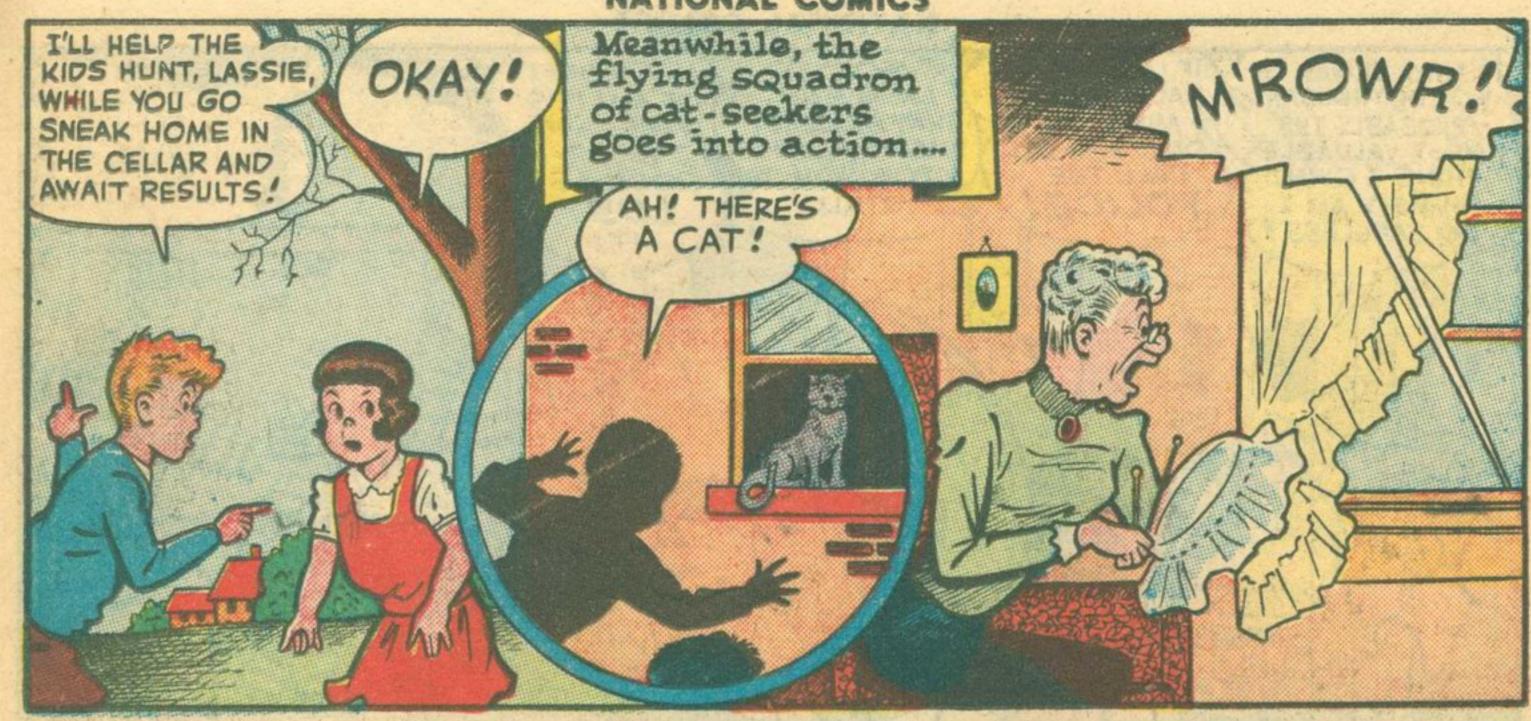




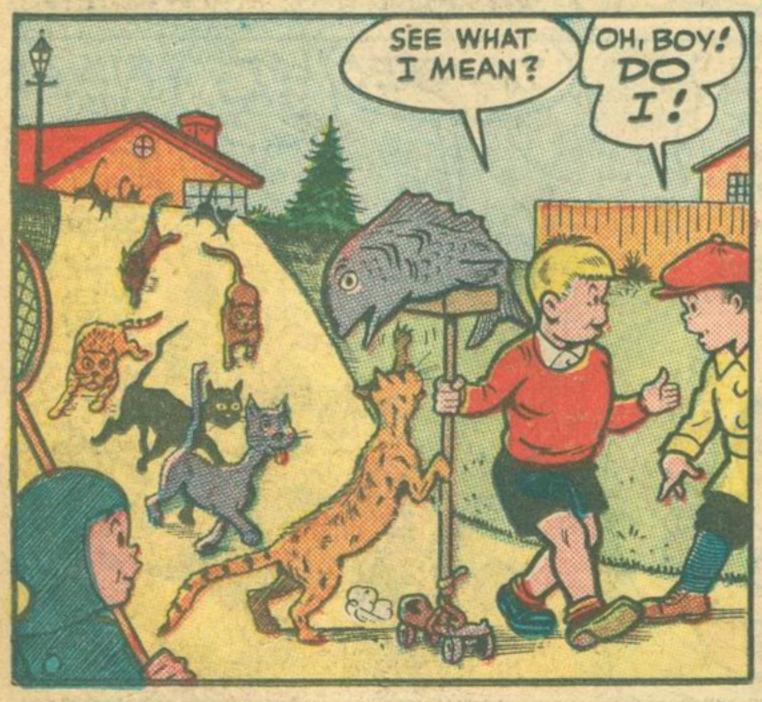






















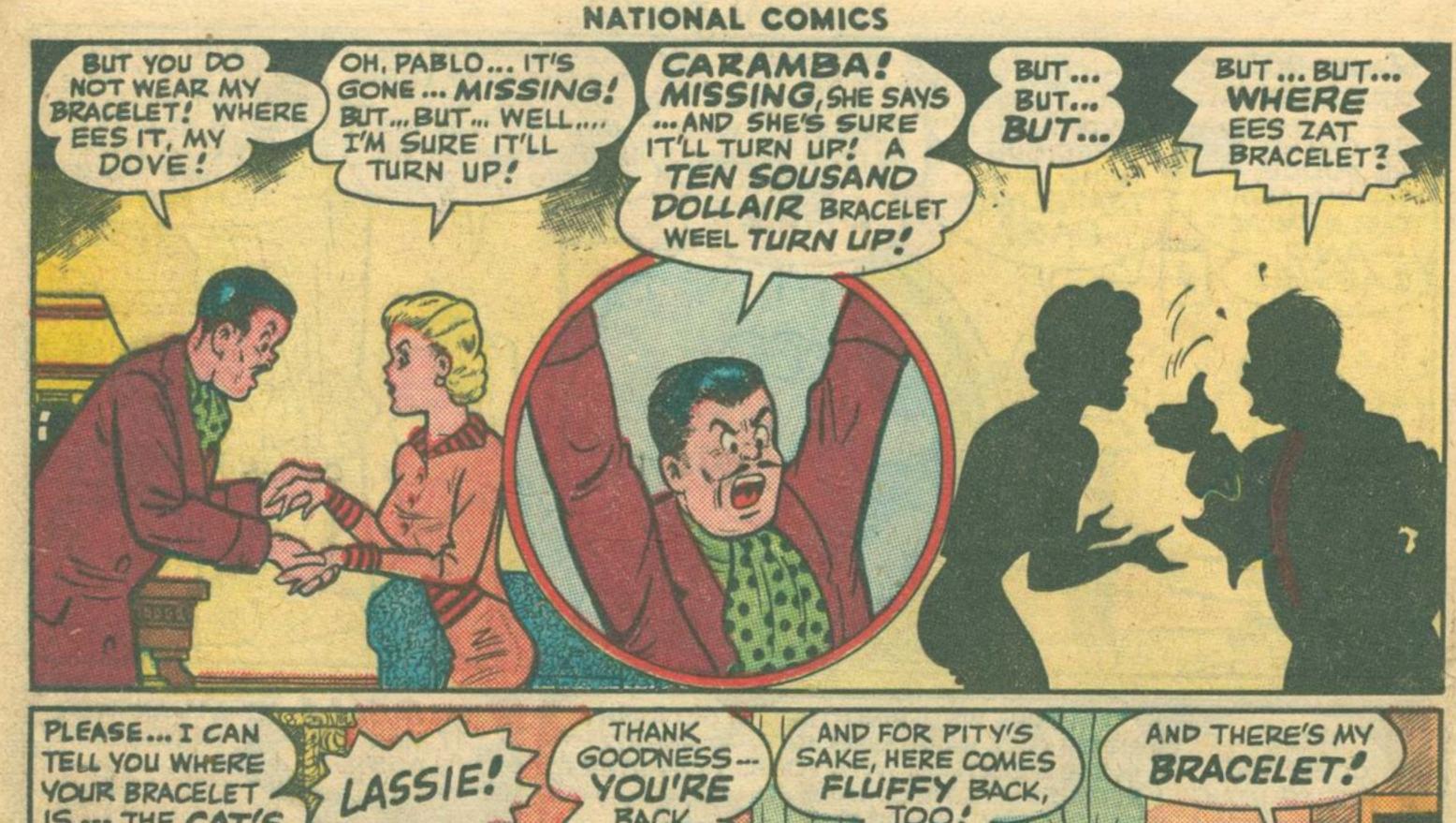


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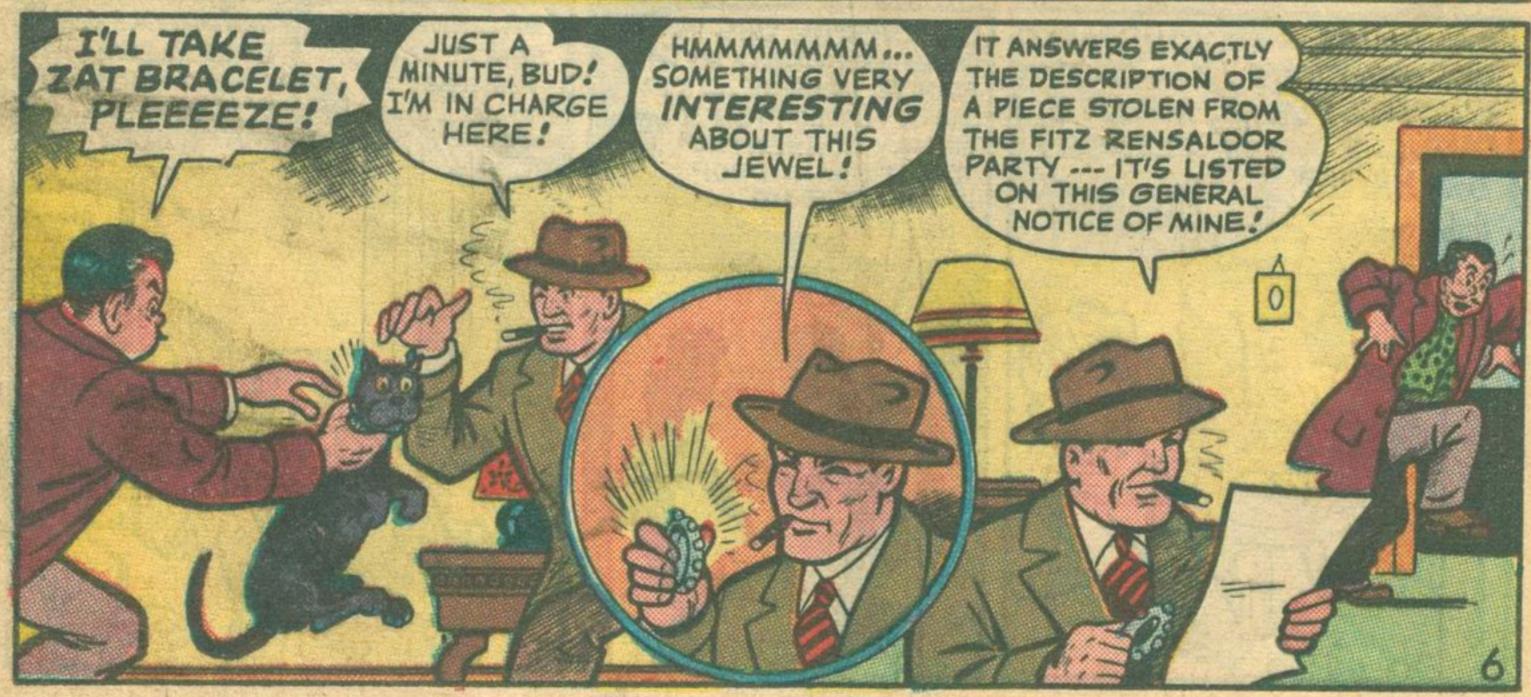
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FIANCE, IS HERE I'D

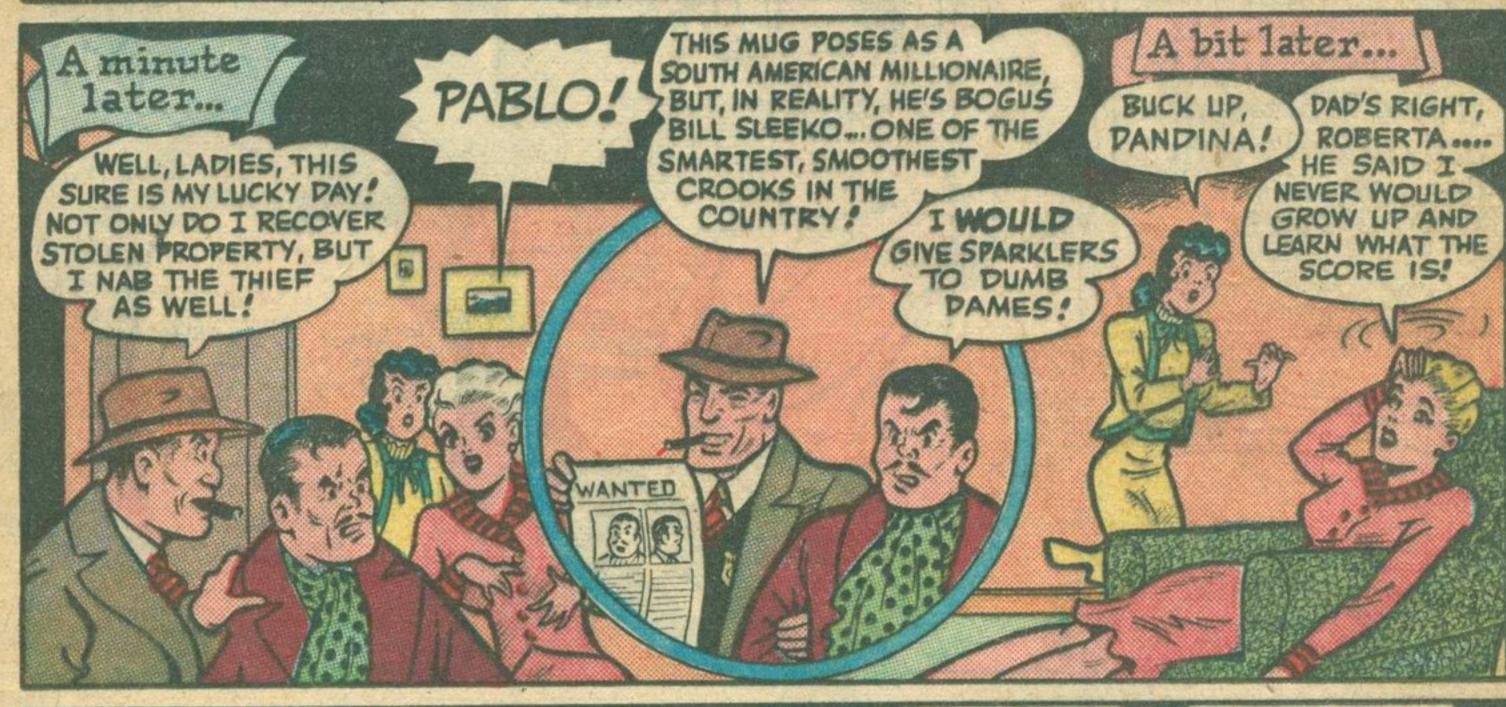






















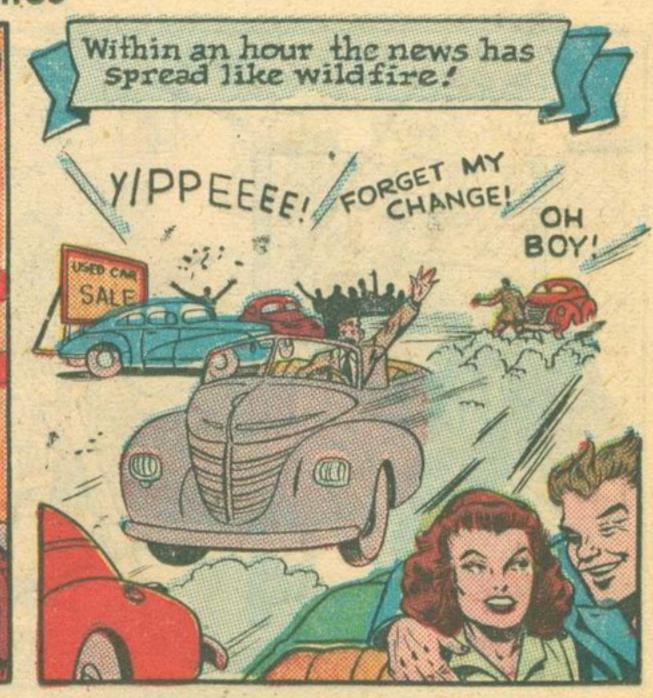










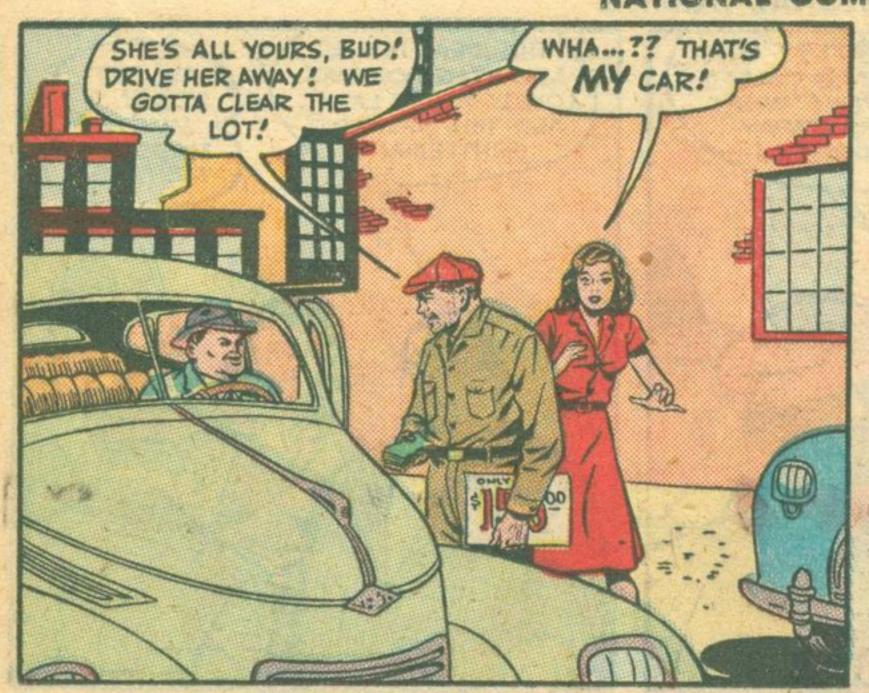




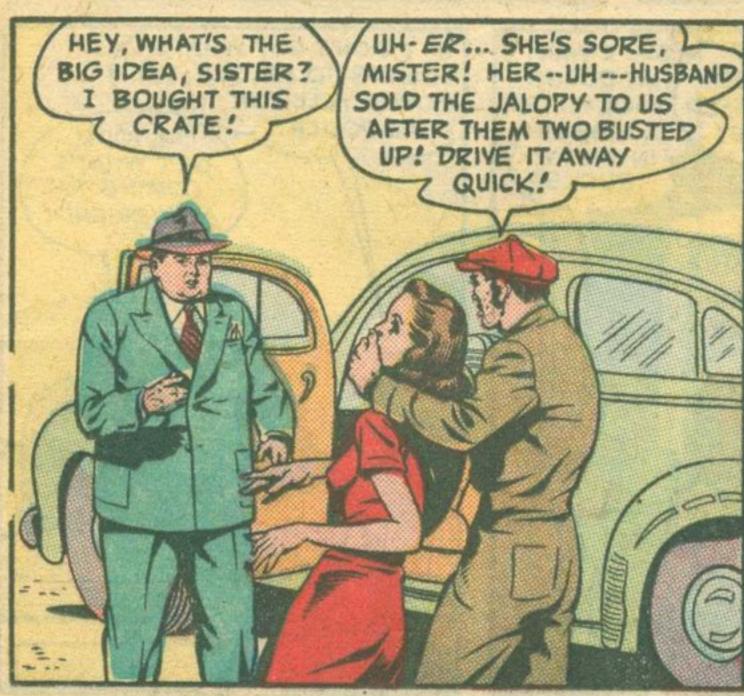












































GET RID OF 'EM! WE NEED
TIME TO GET OUT OF THE
COUNTRY BEFORE THE BEEF
STARTS! TIE 'EM UP AND
GNE 'EM THE MONOXIDE
TREATMENT, MAX!







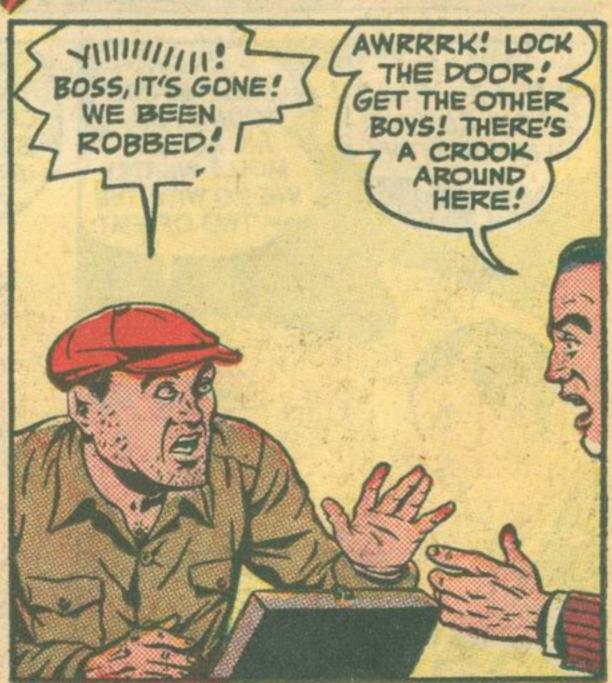






















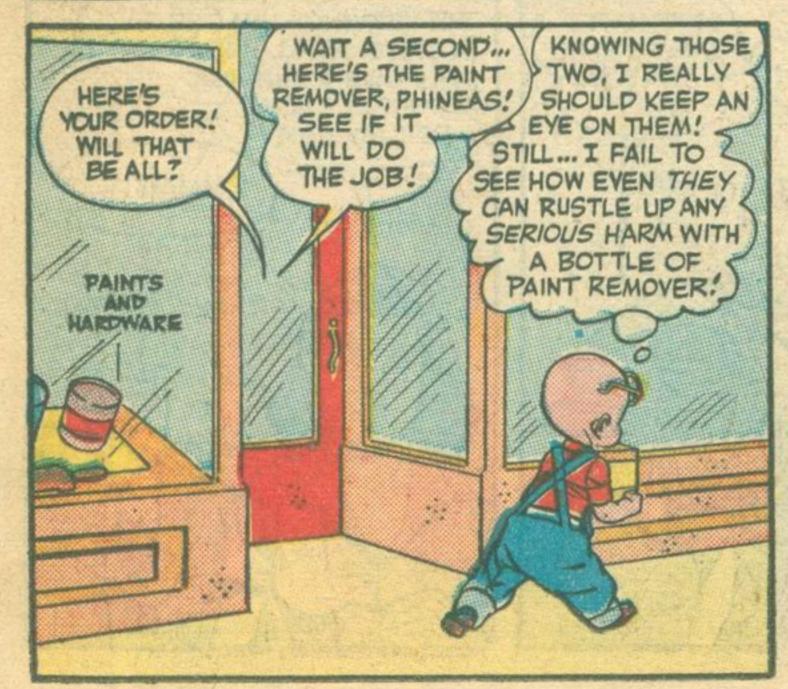










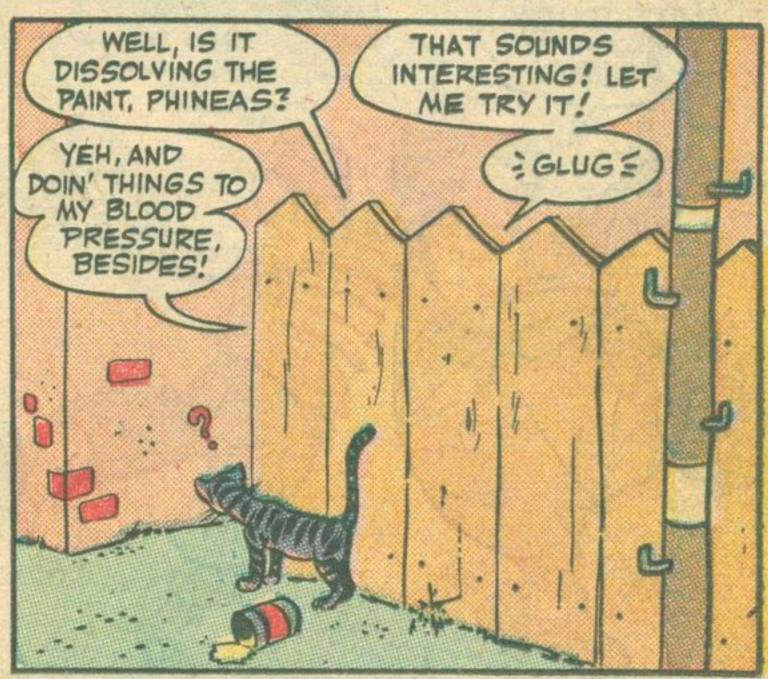
















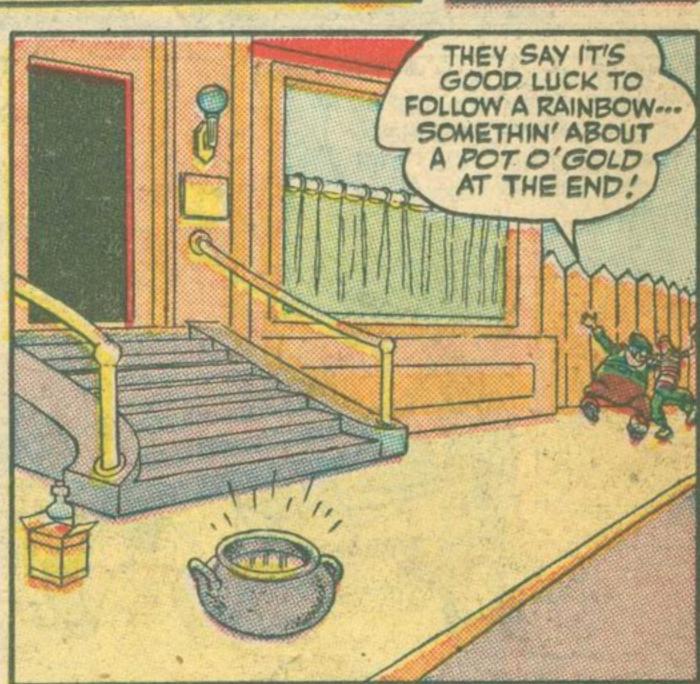
















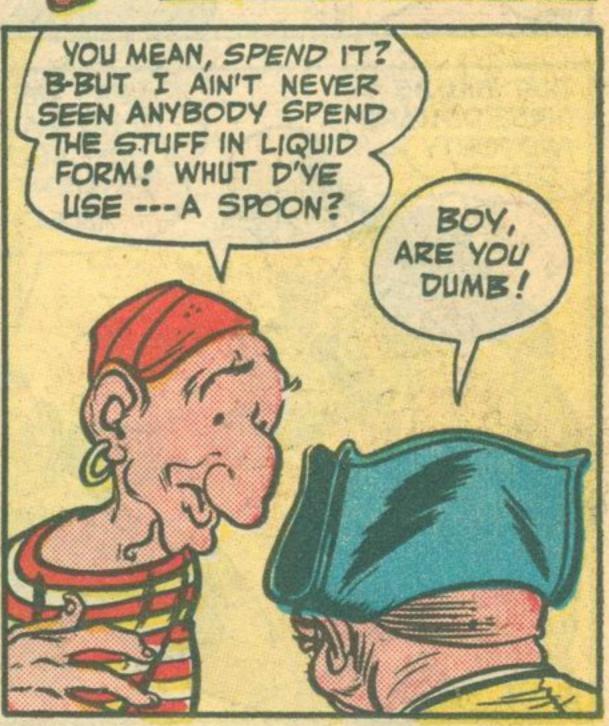


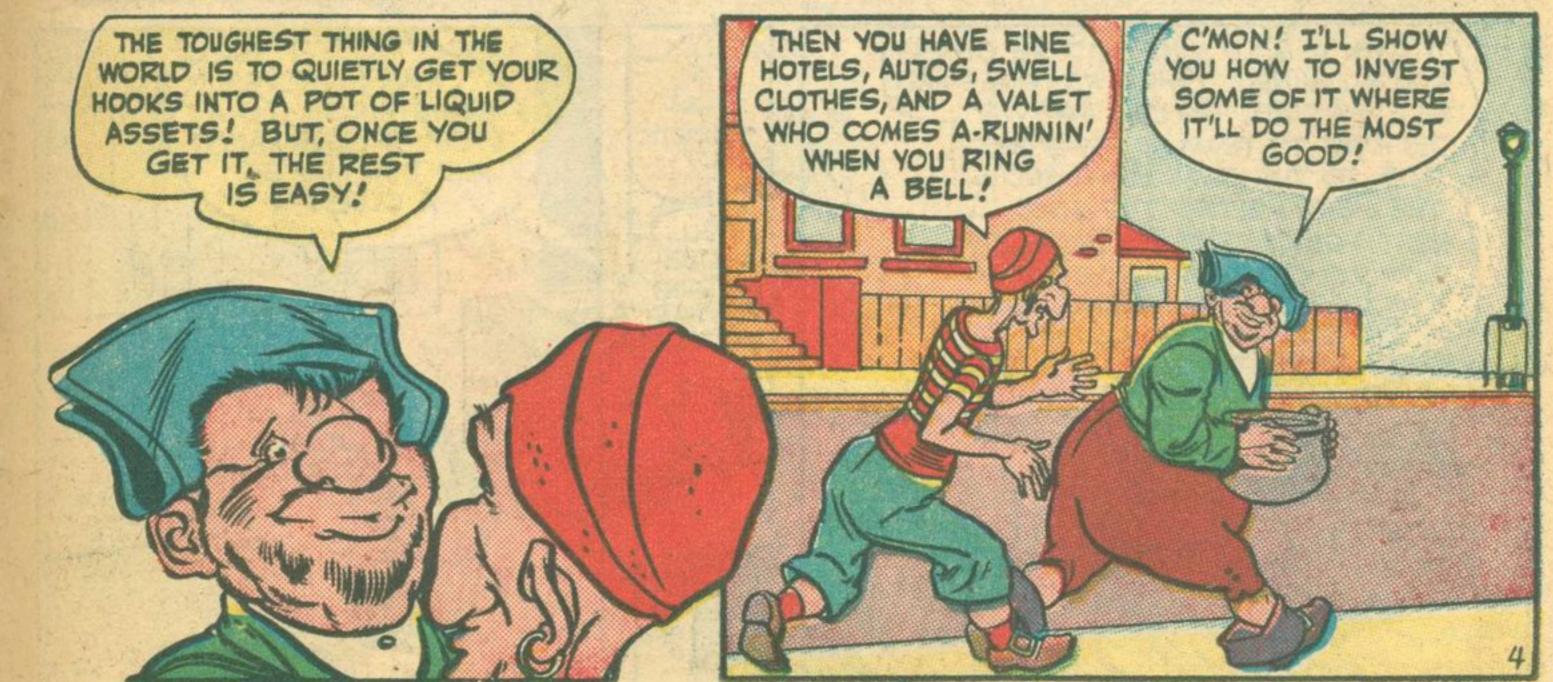






















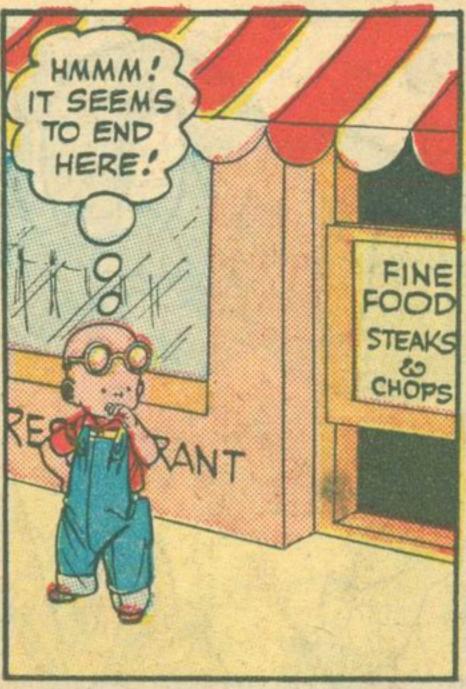


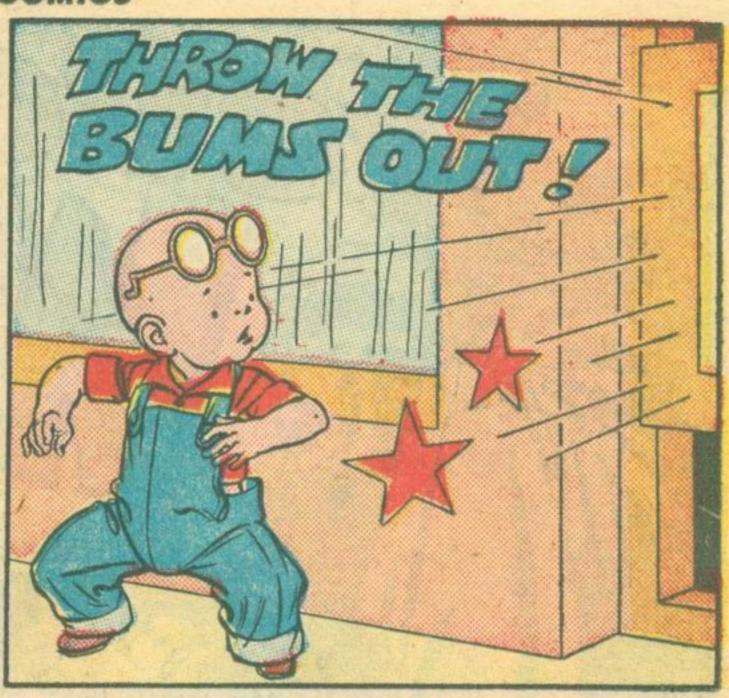


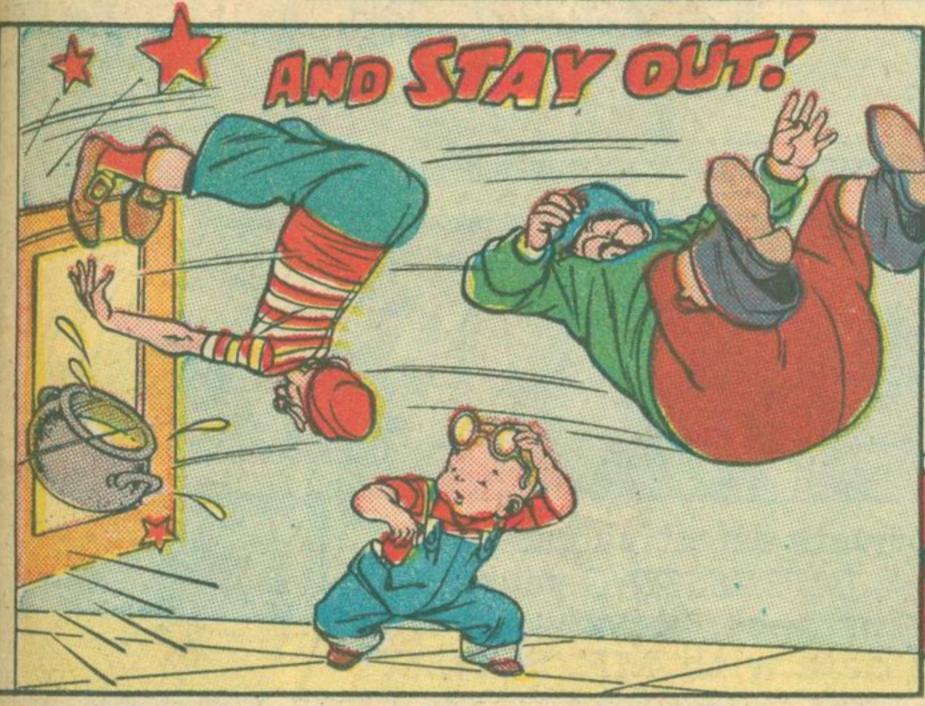




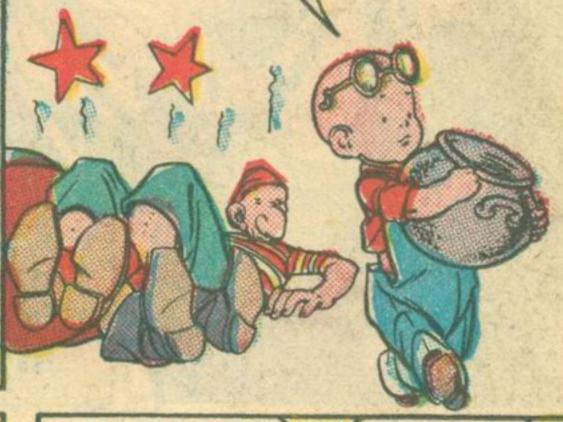








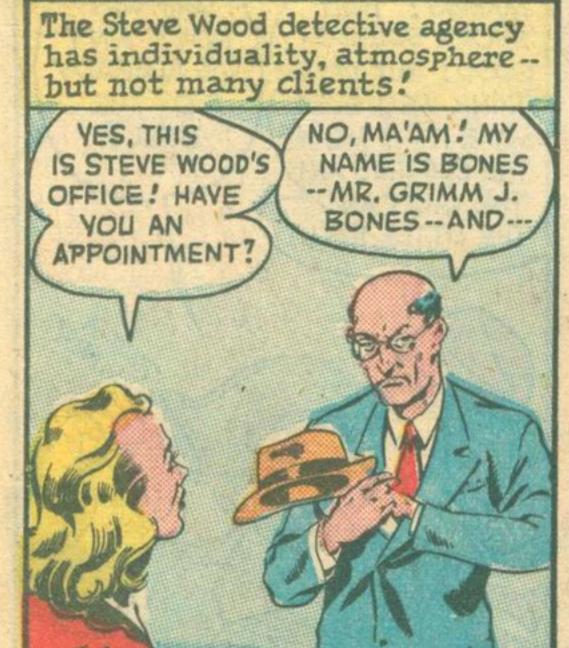
WELL, THAT SOLVES
THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE
OF MY PAINT POT! AS FOR
THOSE TWO LUNATICS, I
MIGHT HAVE KNOWN
THEY'D BE MIXED
UP IN IT!







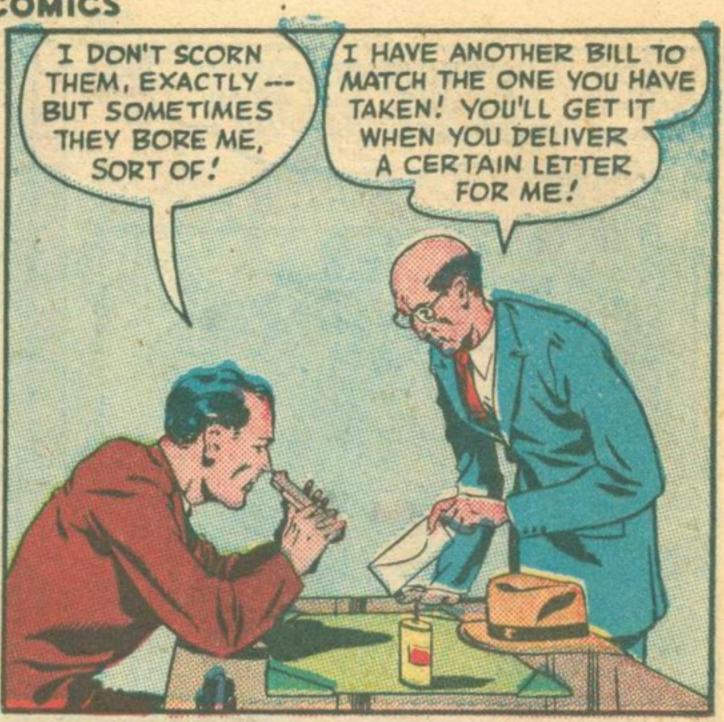




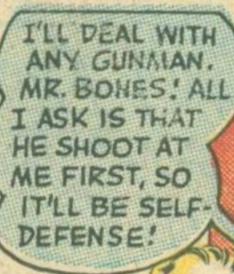




































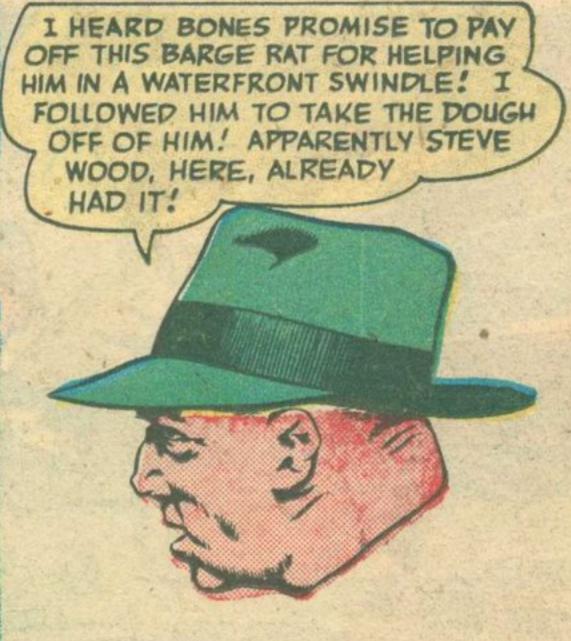


















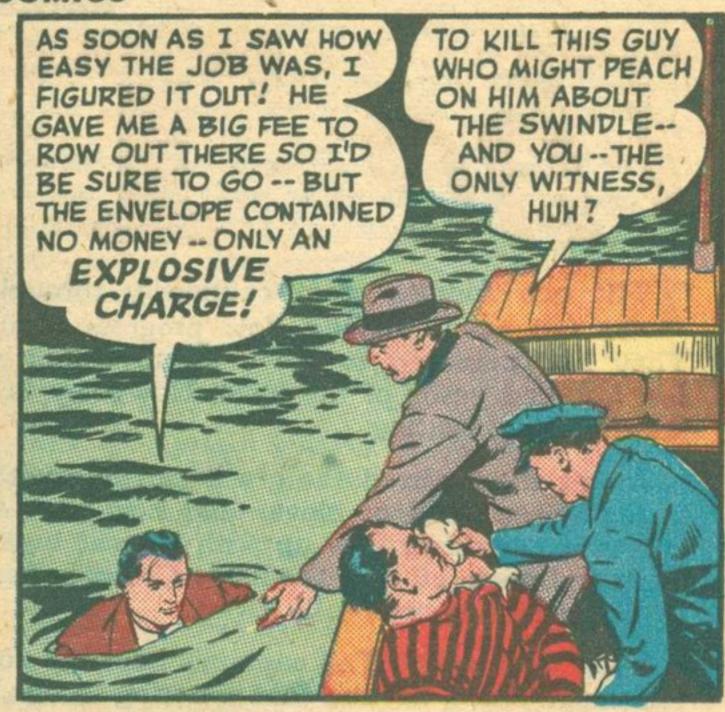




















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THE two Indians crept cautiously through the tall grass, making slow progress of it. They had managed to crawl up to within a few hundred yards of the town. Now they lay flat, listening, waiting.

A soft wind stirred the grass, carrying with it the sweet smell of clover and new hay. A covey of partridges flew up with a great bumbling and made off over the fields. Crows cawed in the trees a quarter-mile away.

Long Corn said, "The captain's house is not far away. There, beyond that watering trough."

The other Indian, Kanada, nodded. Then he whispered, "Come then, let us be getting back to our people. The chief will want to know what we have found."

Like red snakes, the two Arappahoes slid and slunk away through the grass, the noise of their passing less than that made by a mole. When they had reached the protection of the trees, they stood up and began a mile-eating trot for the hills.

Captain John Rankin was saying, "The only good Indian is a dead one. I'm for wiping 'em out—every man, woman and child of 'em. And the sooner we start, the sooner we'll have no trouble with 'em again."

Mayor Gillis of the little town of West Gate, raised his hand. "I'm not in favor of unnecessary bloodshed, Capt. Rankin. I say we can reason with these Indians if we are so minded."

One of the soldiers of the small garrison stationed near the town said, "Reason with 'em! Did you ever try to reason with old Bloody Hand, their chief?" He laughed derisively. "The only way he can reason with a white man is to tie him to the burning post. I say, kill 'em!"

This discussion was taking place in the U. S. Cavalry headquarters. It was a discussion that always ended the same way: by a troop of horses going out after the marauding Arappahoes. And always these raids ended the same way: they never found a single Indian.

"I say wait till they hole up in winter quarters," said Capt, Rankin. "We never cut sign on 'em durin' this weather."

Mayor Gillis offered, "I believe if we invited Chief Bloody Hand to a conference we might make a deal." "He won't come," said Rankin. "That's been tried often enough. Old Bloody Hand says the whites have broken too many treaties for him to put any faith in 'em. Mebbe he's right, at that."

Meantime, Bloody Hand and his braves were grouped around the ceremonial fire. The two spies had reported their findings.

"It would be an easy matter to fall upon this village of pale faces," said Bloody Hand, "and kill them all. But that would only bring more soldiers from the Great White Chief to the east. Therefore we shall wait and see what the pale faces do before striking."

One of the braves jumped up, snatched a war pole and began dancing and chanting. Drummers struck up a rapid tattoo on the tight skins.

"No, no," cried Bloody Hand. "We shall not go to war against these people. We shall do as I have said—wait."

The muttering in the tribe died down and the squaws began building fires under the evening pots. If no war, then there was food to eat; braves love both occupations.

It was no difficult matter for Capt. Rankin to raise a goodly crowd of volunteer settlers to go with his troops. Against the advice of the mayor, he meant to set out and mop up on the Arappahoes. Many of the settlers had suffered at the hands of the Indians. That it was seldom the red man's fault, they didn't stop to consider. At that time, too many people believed that the only good Indian was a dead one.

Led by the doughty Rankin, the crowd rode far into the hills the first day. The next forenoon they crossed the range and found themselves on a wide plain, the traditional hunting grounds of the plains tribes.

Runners had brought the news that Bloody Hand and his men were encamped in the next range. It was some 20 miles east of the first hump of hills.

The sun beat down on the flat expanse of plain. The tall grass was brown and sere. A few scattered herds of buffalo moved in the distance. The heat shimmered in waves over the hot plain.

At noon the men came upon a tiny water hole, and it was only by exerting force that

Rankin could keep the men from filling their canteens before the horses drank. By the time the stock had quaffed big mouthfuls of the tepid water, there was none for the men.

"It's the only water hole," complained one of the soldiers. "We'll die of thirst, for sure."

"It is better that we go thirsty than our horses drop under us," warned Rankin. "We may need 'em soon."

At noon, they saw a signal fire high atop a hill, and knew that the Indians were telegraphing news of their approach. Would the Arappahoes call upon the Sauks and Foxes to help them? Old Black Hawk of the Sauks was a white man hater, and would probably be only too glad to go to war.

It was when the troops and settlers had reached the approximate middle of the plain that a sudden yell brought them alert. Then from all around them leaped painted savages, screaming and brandishing rifles and war clubs.

"We're surrounded!" shouted Rankin. "Give it to 'em, boys!"

Rifles began popping, mingling with the arrows and bullets of the Indians. They quickly saw that only Bloody Hand's men were in this war party.

The big surprise came when a single-file line of redskins came galloping on horseback from the north. Yelping and waving scalps, the new Indians—they were Sauks—came in a mad whirl, joining the Arappahoes.

Smoke began lifting in a small cloud on the south side of the milling circle. Then they saw that one of the Sauks had a travois——a sort of cart-like contrivance made of two tepee poles dragged by a horse—behind him. It was blazing. The dry grass caught instantly.

In a moment a ring of fire totally surrounded the white men. A new breeze had sprung up and the fire was fast rolling toward them. The heat was becoming unbearable. They could not see where to shoot because of the cloud of smoke. The Indians kept up a sporadic fire, needing only to aim at the center of the fire ring.

"We gotta get outa here, boys," cried Rankin.
"They mean to roast us alive. Come on!"

Leading the way, Rankin galloped directly toward the milling circle of Indians, trying to break through. The flames were too much. His horse reared and plunged and at last fell, screaming.

It was then that old Bloody Hand, now mounted on the horse hauling the travois, did a strange thing. He galloped through the flames, yelling, and began whipsawing back and forth, cutting a swath in the wall of fire. Gunfire fell silent. The white men muttered and grunted that they couldn't understand such an act of heroism.

"Why, the old devil is makin' a way fer us," said Rankin. "Look, his horse is burnin' all over!"

It was true. The small pony was blazing; the travois was a mass of leaping flames. But the Indian had cut a path of safety in the raging fire. The white men tore through the opening, brought their horses to a halt. All the Indians—a few had fallen—waited for them on the other side of the fire.

Bloody Hand was burned badly, but he now sat another horse, proudly. He lifted his right hand.

"White man," he said gravely, "I have this day saved you from death. Our friends the Sauks were for roasting you alive, but Bloody Hand said, 'No, we shall save these men. Then maybe their great chief will see that we mean to be friends with our white brothers. What do my white brothers say?"

Rankin rode up to the chief and held out his blackened hand, "Thanks, Chief. From this day on we are brothers. The village will this day hold a great potlatch. Come, brother, with your men."

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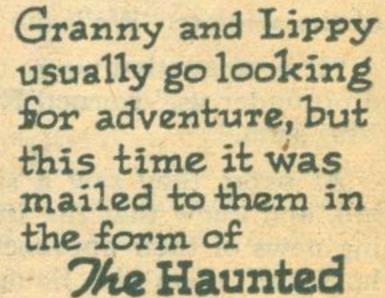
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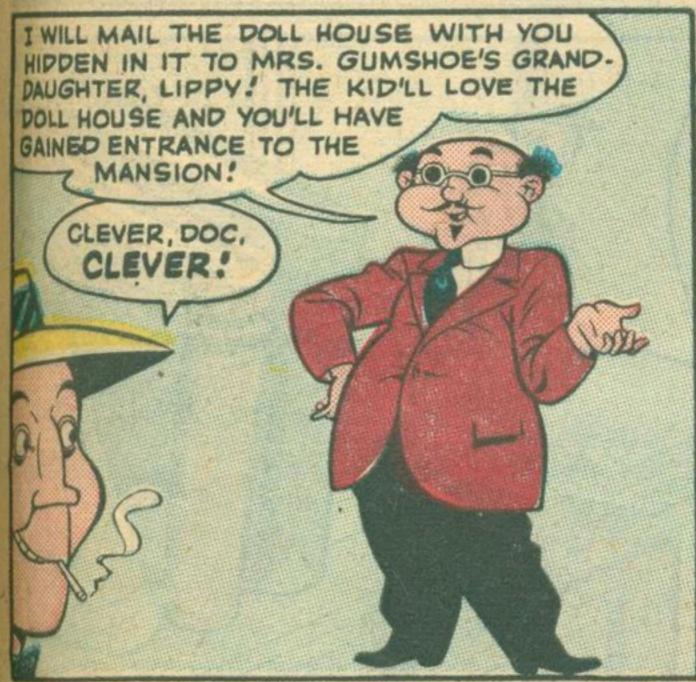


Doll House!

HEY, LIPPY! CAN'T YOU EAT YOUR LUNCH SOMEWHERE ELSE? YOU'RE BLOCKING MY FRONT DOOR WITH THAT FRANKFURTER AND ROLL!

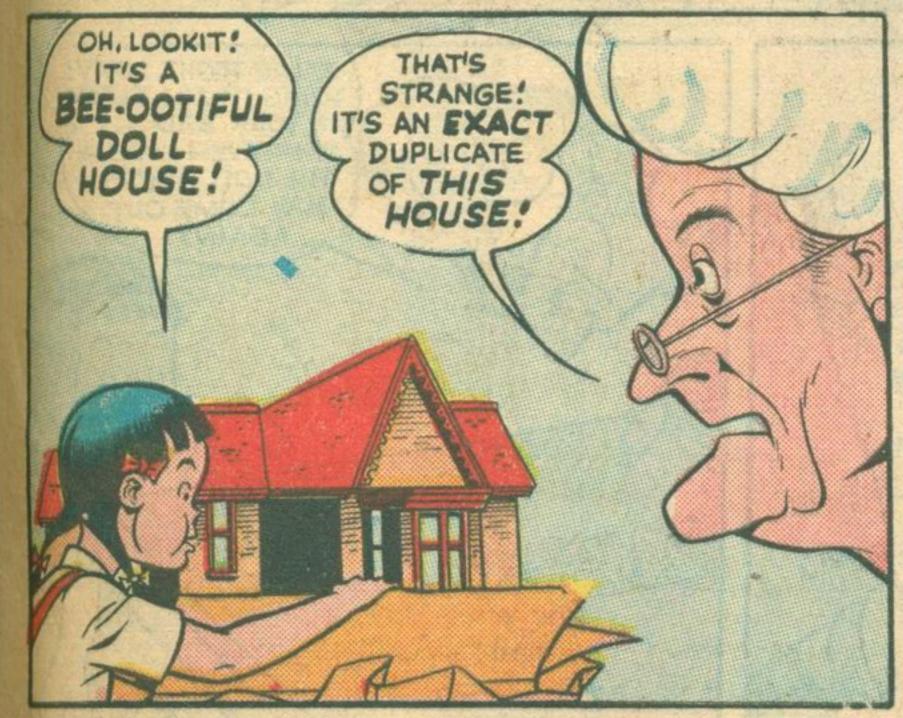




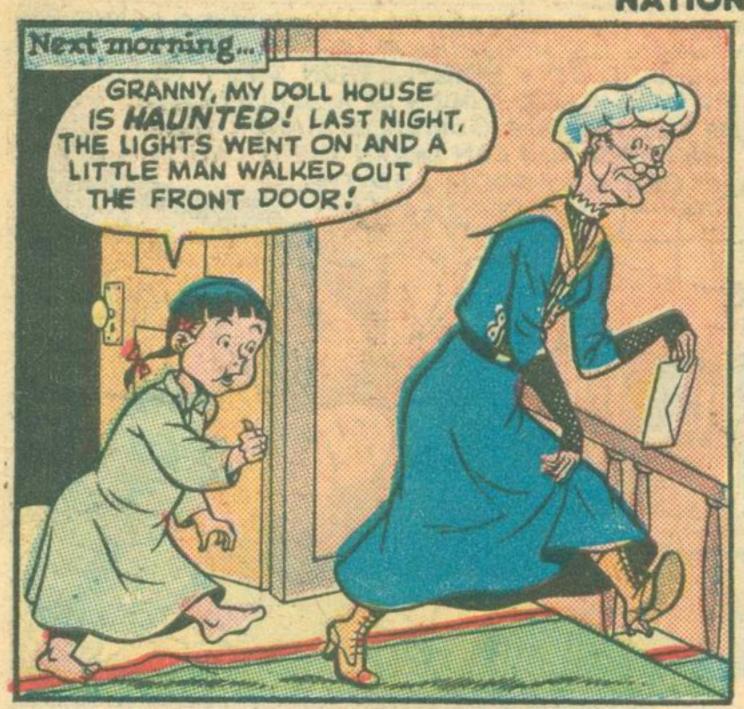


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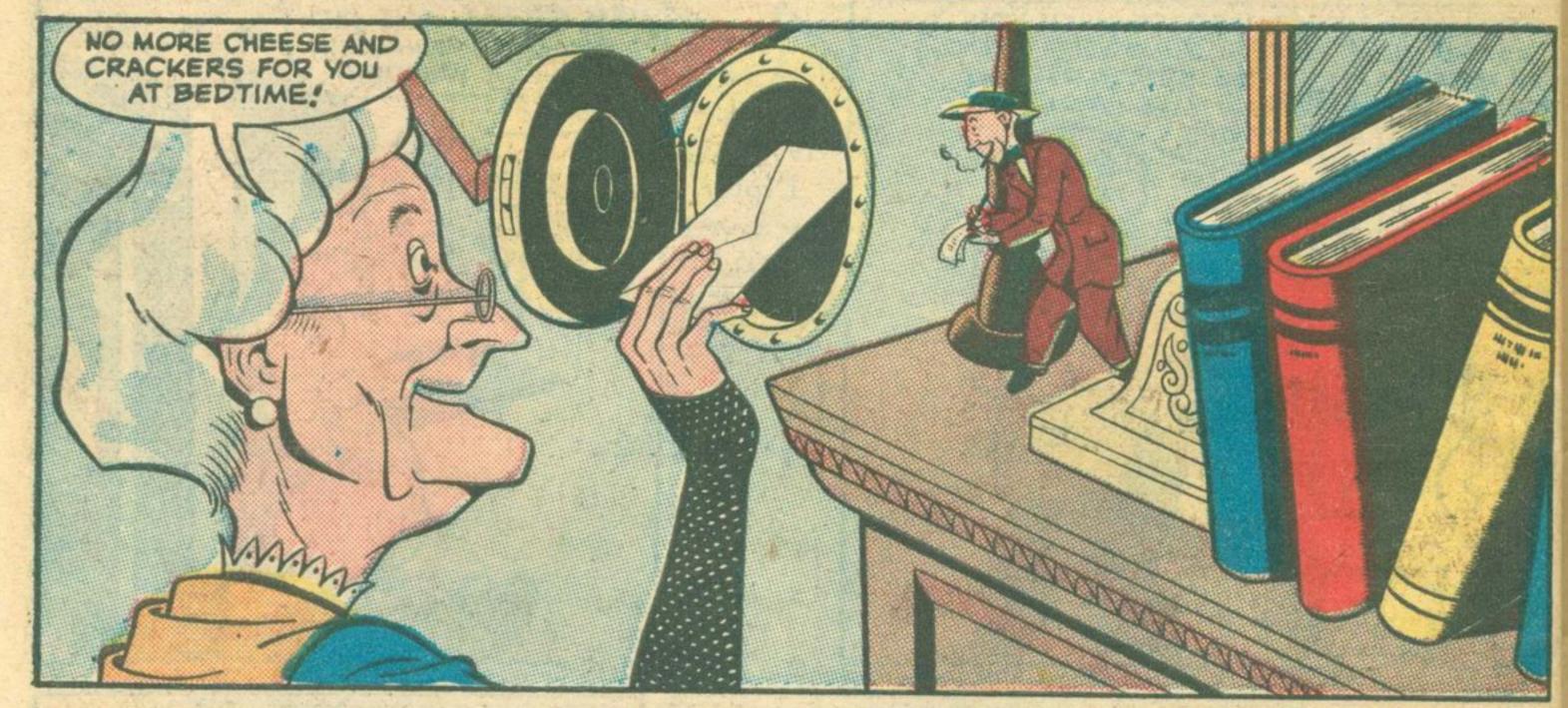


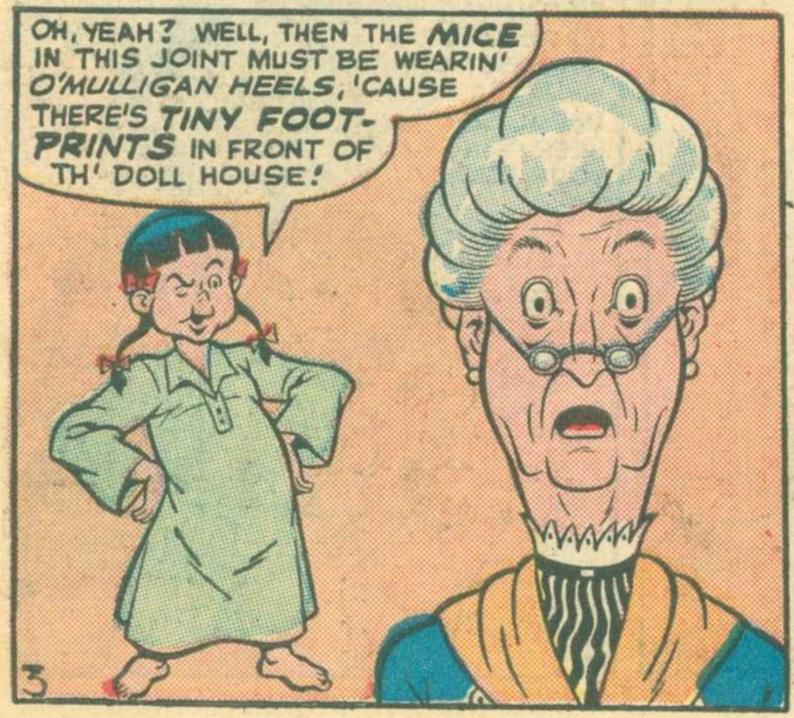








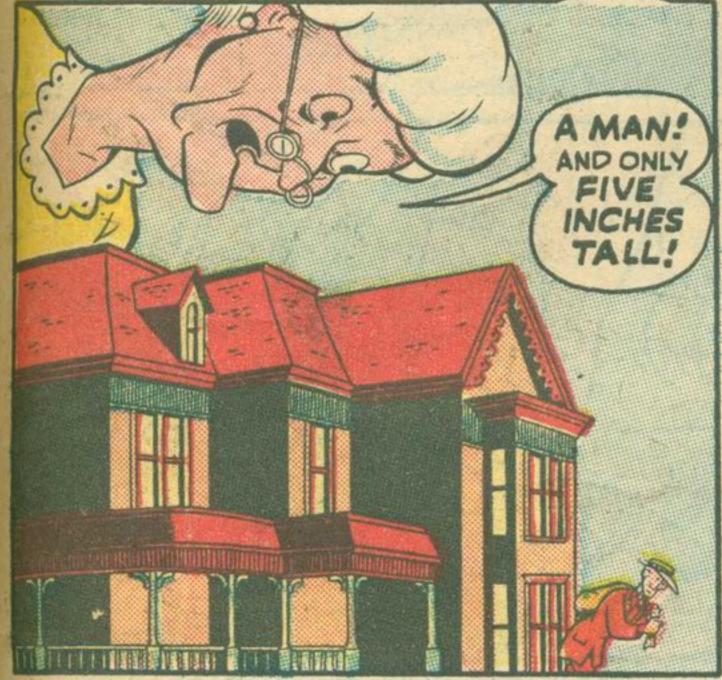


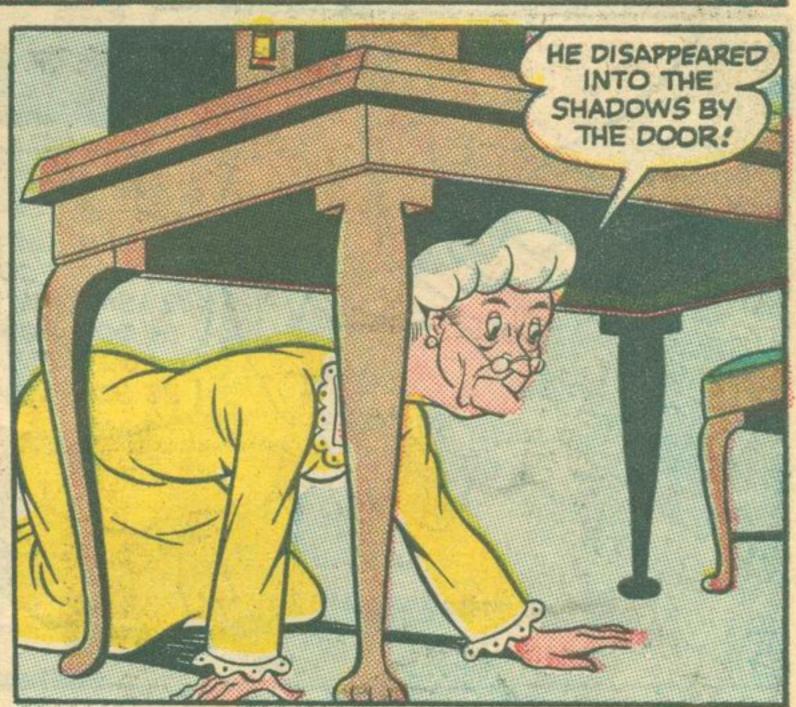










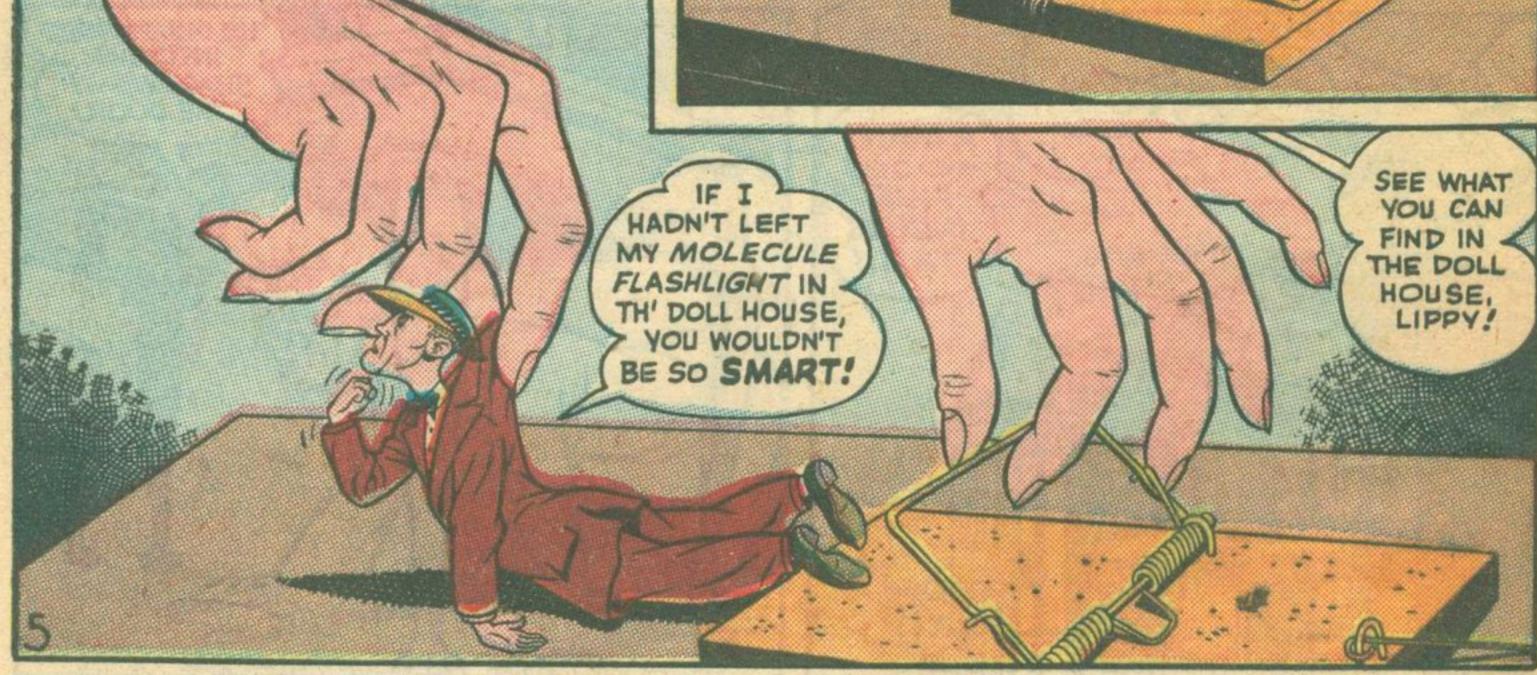










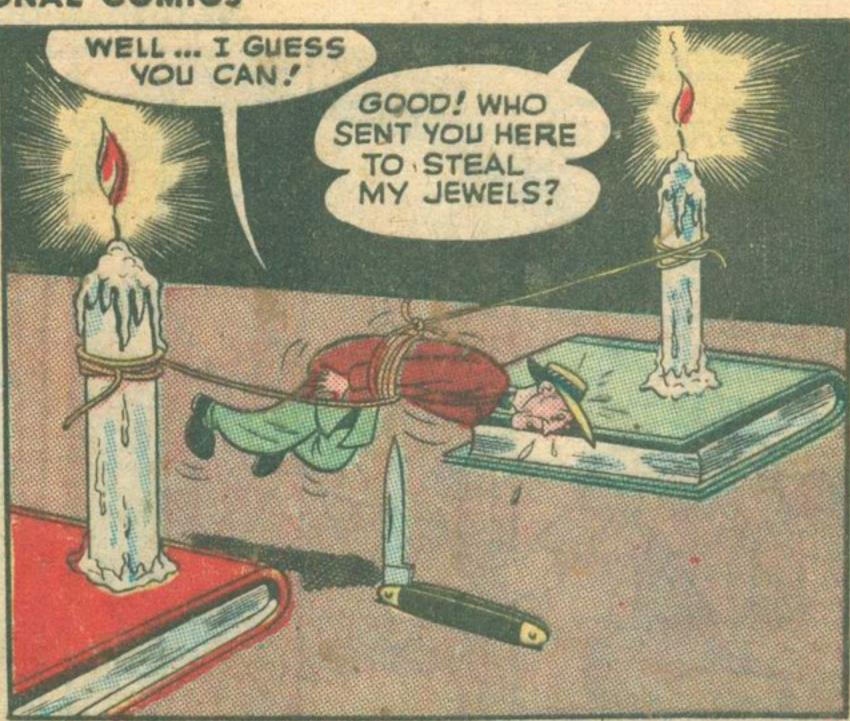




ANYONE BATHED IN THE RED LIGHT
FROM IT CAN BE REDUCED TO MY SIZE
AND WHEN THE GREEN LIGHT IS
SWITCHED ON, THE PERSON CAN
BE ENLARGED TO NORMAL SIZE!







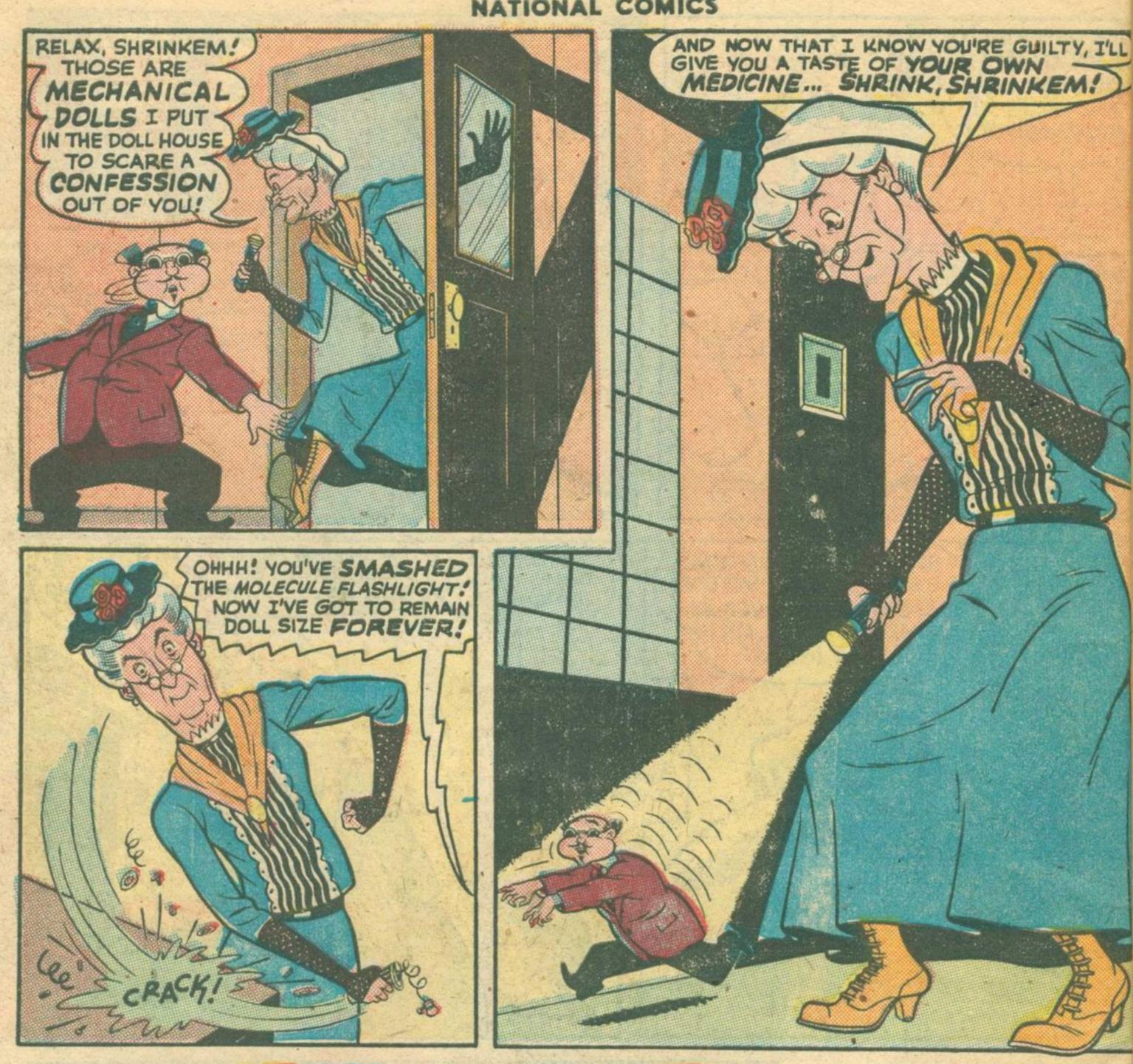




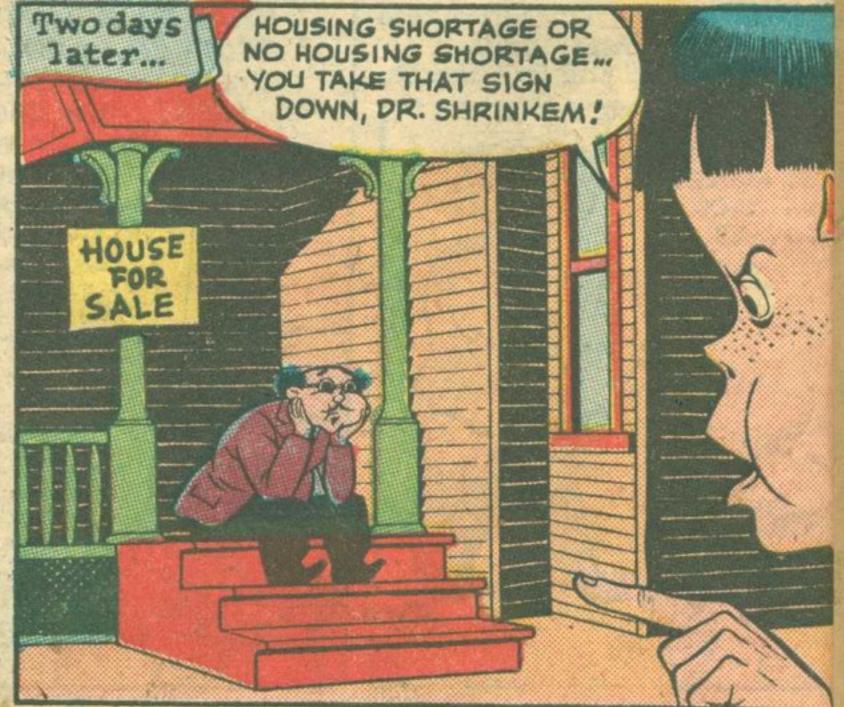
ohe next day, Dr. Shrinkem again finds himself in possession of the Doll House...











OUICKSILVER





PARTNERSHIP --- JONAS AND GARROBY AND MYSELF! WE RAN A CROOKED STOCK DEAL! WHEN THE LAW QUESTIONED US, GARROBY AND I PUT THE BLAME ON JONAS!

AND SO HE RAN
AWAY TO AUSTRALIA,
AND ONLY RECENTLY
PAID BACK THE MONEY
YOU STOLE -- SO HE
COULD RETURN TO
AMERICA! WELL?







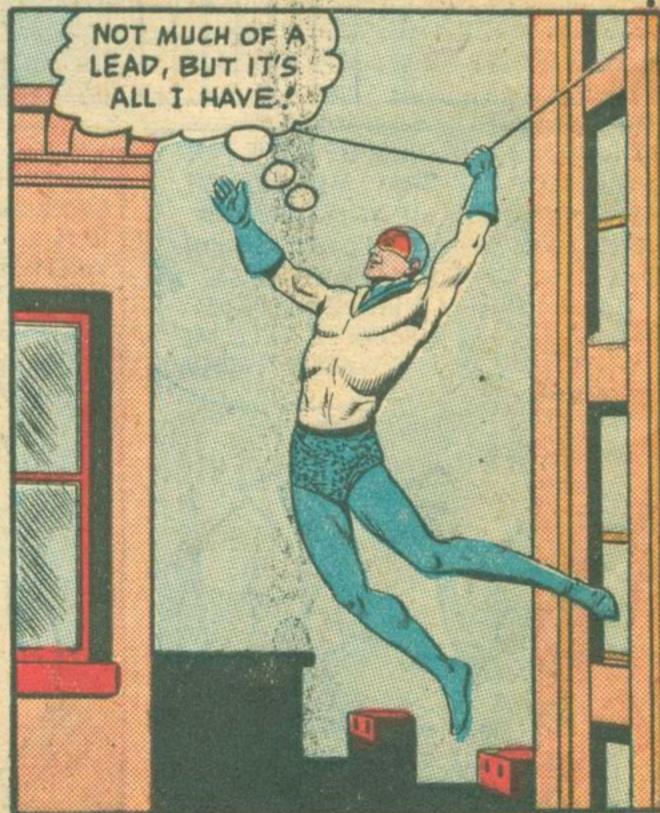




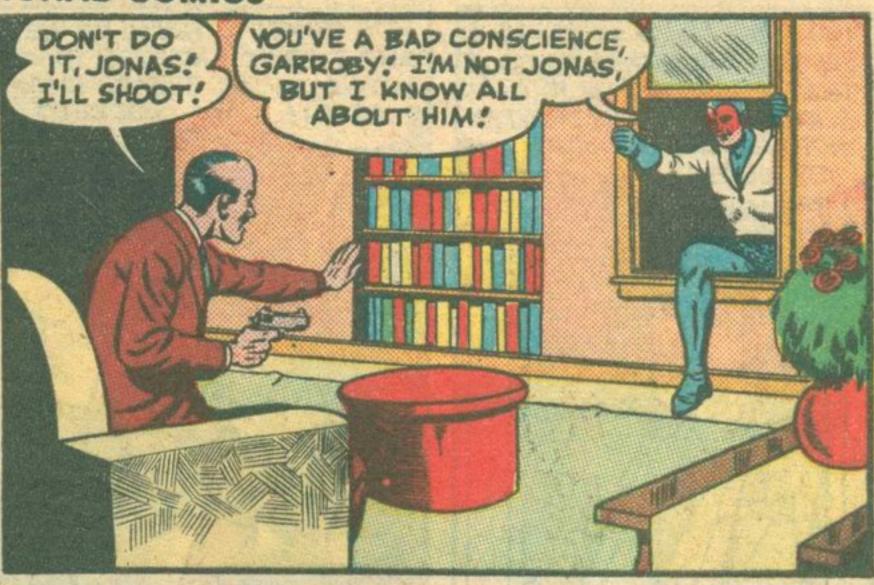


















I LIVED LIKE A NATIVE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN — STARVING HUNTED — UNTIL I FOUND GOLD AND PAID ENOUGH SO I COULD RETURN FOR REVENGE!





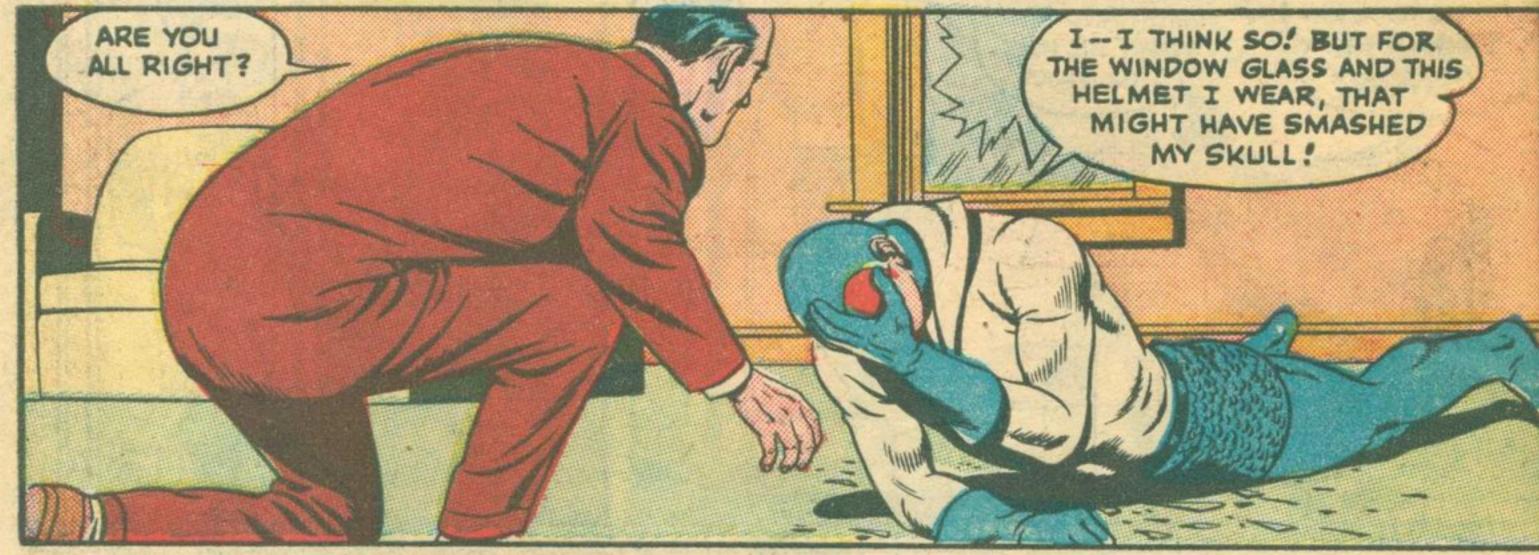
MY ONLY THREAT! I'M NOT

YOUNG OR STRONG -- MY LEFT





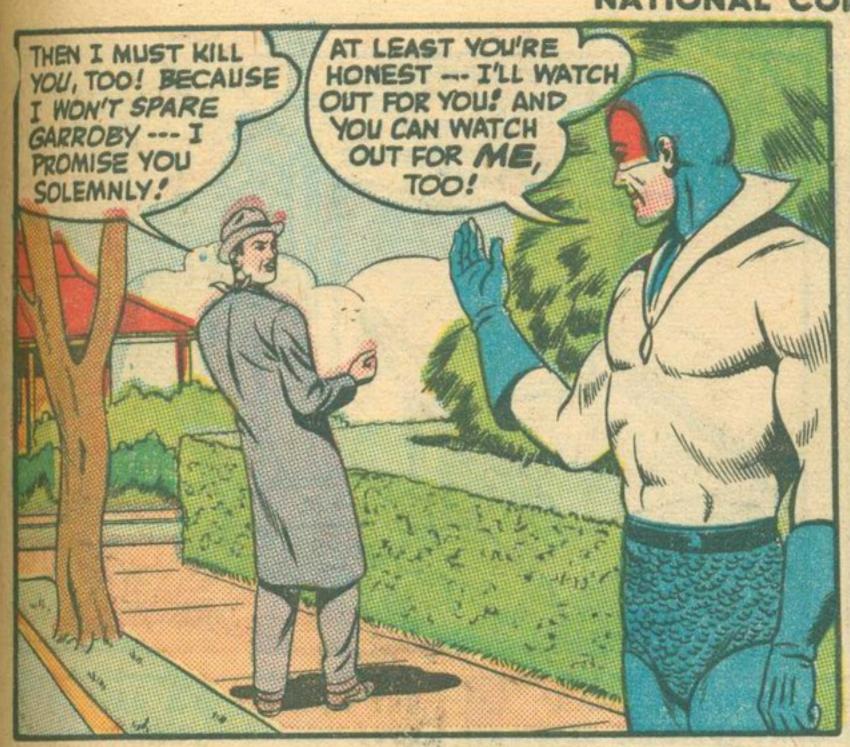




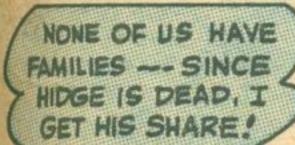








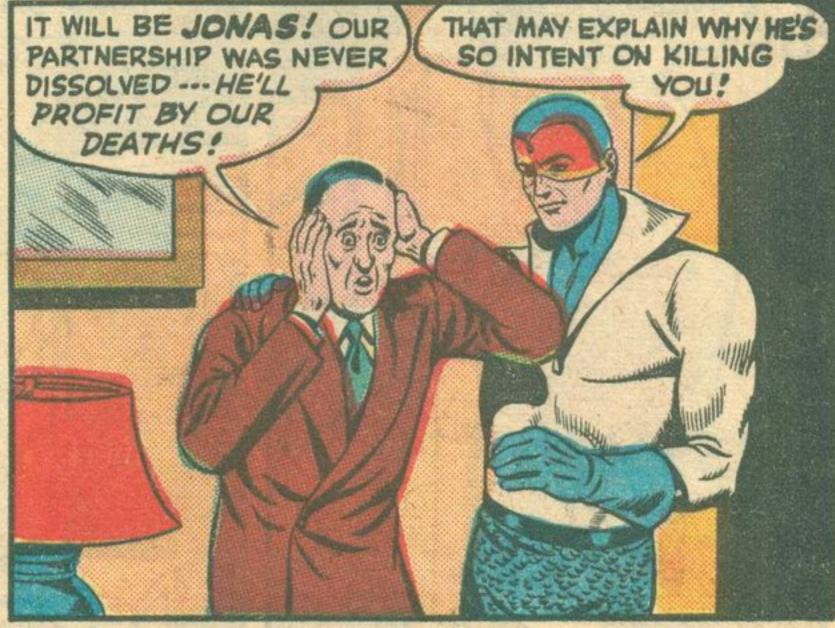






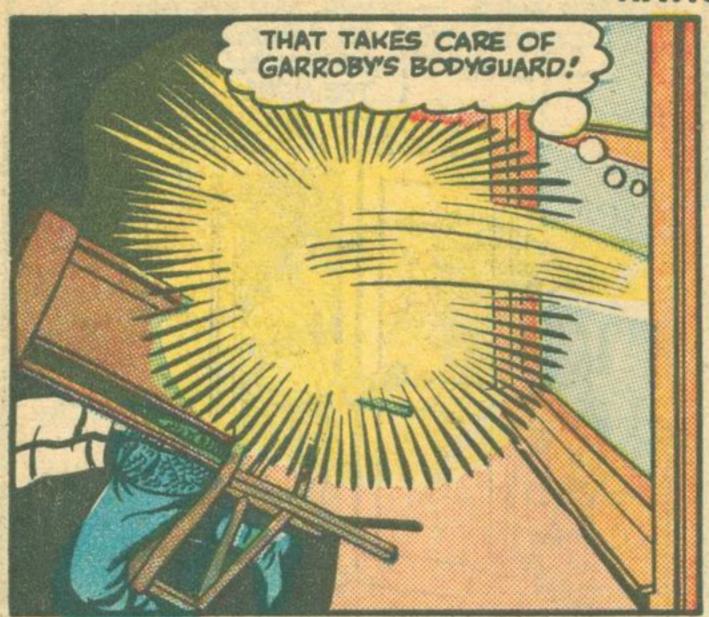
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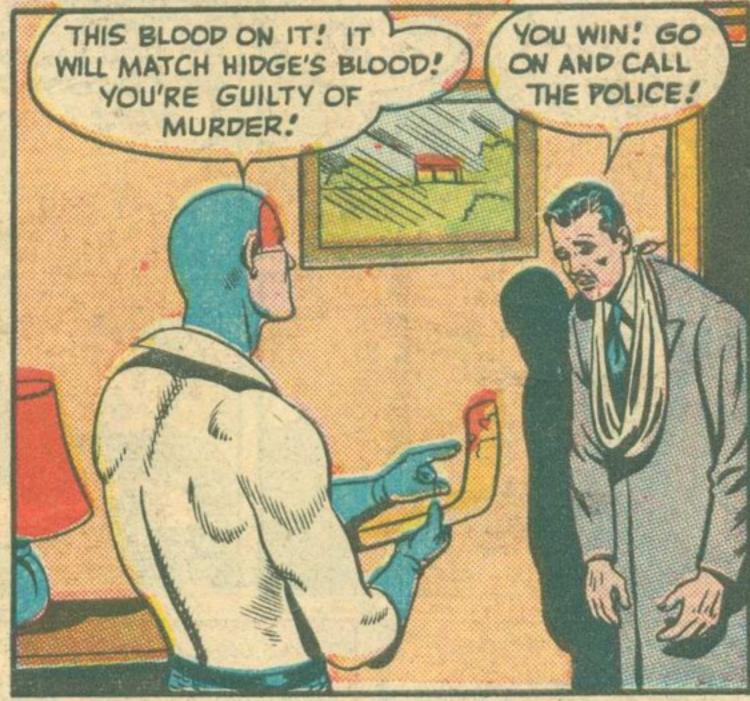
























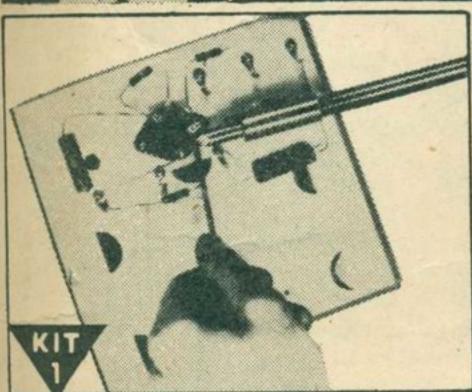






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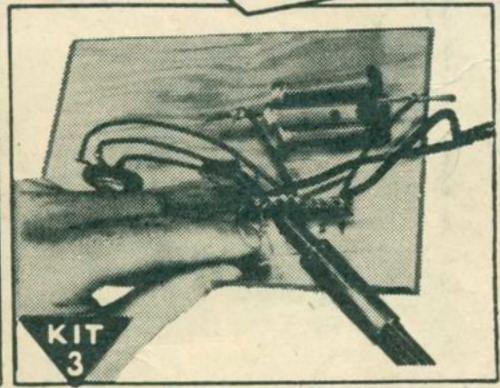
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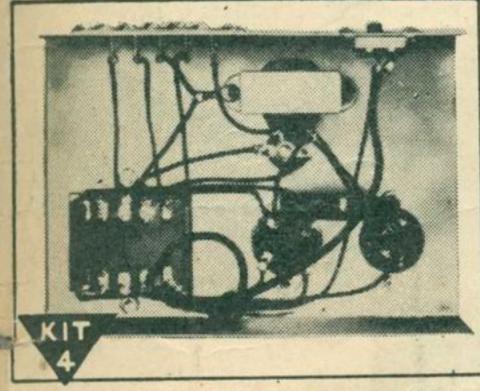
I send you Soldering Equipment and Radio Parts; show you how to do Radio soldering; how to mount and connect Radio parts; give you practical experience.



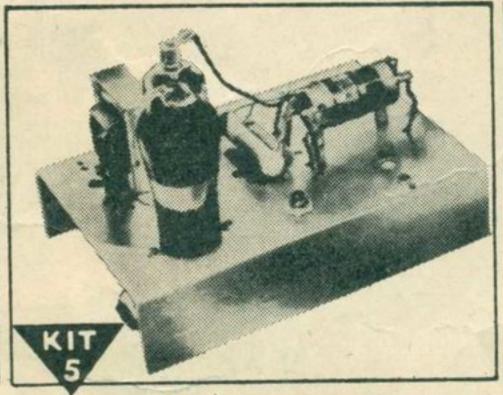
Early in my Course I show you how to build this N. R. I. Tester with parts I send. It soon helps you fix neighborhood Radios and earn EXTRA money in spare time.



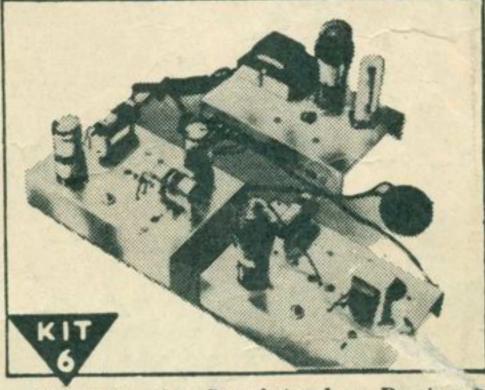
You get parts to build Radio Circuits; then test them; see how they work; learn how to design special circuits; how to locate and repair circuit defects.



You get parts to build this Vacuum Tube Power Pack; make changes which give you experience with packs of many kinds; learn to correct power pack troubles.



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